

Reading Suggestions for Year 9 Boys in BWS Library

Douglas Adams

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

When Earth is destroyed to make way for a hyperspace bypass Arthur Dent is taken on a hair-raising tour of the Galaxy. A zany jaunt through a surreal world.

Malorie Blackman

Noughts and Crosses

Two young people are forced to make a stand in this thought-provoking look at racism and prejudice in an alternative society.

Chris Bradford

Young Samurai : The Way of The Warrior

When Jack Fletcher is shipwrecked off the coast of Japan he is rescued by a legendary master swordsman and brought under his wing. He begins the gruelling physical and psychological training needed to become a samurai but life at Samurai school is fraught with difficulty for Jack who is bullied and treated as an outcast.

Robert Cormier

The Chocolate War

A school boy is first a hero and then a victim in this novel of intimidation and the misuse of power.

Dan Brown

The Da Vinci Code

A series of baffling codes are found near the body of the murdered curator of the Louvre. Professor Robert Langdon and cryptologist, Sophie Neveu race to solve the bizarre clues which seem to lead to the works of Leonardo da Vinci.

Suzanne Collins

The Hunger Games

Sixteen-year-old Katniss regards it as a death sentence when she is forced to represent her district in the annual Hunger Games, a fight to the death on live TV. But Katniss has been close to death before - and survival, for her is second nature. The Salisbury Schools' Book Award winner 2010

Arthur Conan Doyle

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Holmes and Watson solve the unsolvable in this collection of stories. Ever-popular.

David Gemmell

The Sword in the Storm

Born in the storm that doomed his father, Connavar grows to manhood among the mist-covered mountains where the Rigante tribe dwell in harmony with the land and its gods. Beyond the border however, across the water, an evil force is gathering strength. Connavar sets out on a spectacular mission to save his people.

David Gilman

The Devil's Breath

Max Gordon discovers that his explorer father has gone missing and is determined to find him whatever dangers may lie in his path. The "Devil's Breath" is the first book in a new adventure series in a world of stampeding buffalo, lethal scorpions, ancient tribes and prophecies.

Michael Grant

Gone

In the blink of an eye the world changes as all the adults vanish. Those left must do all they can to survive but everyone's idea of survival is different. Some look after themselves, some look after others and some will do anything for power...

Stuart Hill

The Cry of the Icemark

When her father dies in battle, fourteen-year-old Thirrin becomes Queen of the Icemark, determined to defend her tiny kingdom from the most terrible invasion her nation has ever known. This is the epic story of how she rallies her country and finds some extraordinary new allies.

Conn Iggulden

Emperor : Gates of Rome

The astonishing life of Julius Caesar is recreated in a magnificent novel that interweaves history and adventure. An epic tale of ambition and rivalry, bravery and betrayal.

Robert Jordan

The Eye of the World

The opening volume to Robert Jordan's Wheel of Time series. Life has been pretty boring for Rand Al'Thor and his friends until a strange young woman arrives in their village. Moraine is a magician with the ability to wield the One Power and she brings warnings of a terrible evil awakening in the world.

David Klass

You Don't Know Me

Fourteen-year-old John lives with his single mother and her violent boyfriend. John believes that if he tells his mother about the abuse she will side with "the man who is not my father". There's a lot of pain, humour and horror in this book before John resolves his relationship with his mother and lets her begin to know him.

Stephanie Meyer **Twilight**
The first in the best-selling vampire series.

Patrick Ness **The Knife of Never Letting Go**
An unflinching novel about the impossible choices of growing up. Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run...

George Orwell **Nineteen Eighty Four**
"Nineteen Eight-Four" is George Orwell's terrifying vision of a totalitarian future in which everything and everyone is slave to a tyrannical regime.

Mal Peet **Keeper**
In a newspaper office, Paul Faustino, South America's top football writer sits opposite the man they call El Gato, the cat, the world's greatest goalkeeper. On the table between them stands the World Cup. In the hours that follow, El Gato tells his incredible life story – how he, a poor logger's son, learns to become a World Cup-winning goalkeeper.

James Patterson **The Angel Experiment**
Six kids who are pretty normal in most ways; except that they're 98% human and 2% bird. Riding the wind, their wings are an amazing gift...and yet, their world can morph into a nightmare in a single instant.

Terry Pratchett **Discworld Series**
The Discworld is flat, and rides through space on the backs of four elephants who stand in turn on the back of Great A'Tuin, the giant turtle. Start with "The Colour of Magic" for a chaotic voyage through a crazy world filled with monsters and dragons, heroes and knaves.

Anton Quintana **The Baboon King**
Morengaru the hunter has braved lion and leopard but cast out by his own people he is alone in the wilderness. Now he's at the mercy of the baboons for his survival. What does it take for a man to live as an animal? How will he reconnect to his human nature? An extraordinary experience of life in the wild at the extremes of physical and psychological endurance.

Chris Ryan **Survival**
The first in the Alpha Force series from ex-SAS officer and bestselling adult author Chris Ryan. Five children are marooned on a desert island. Killer komodo dragons, sharks and modern day pirates are amongst the dangers they face. Can the five bond as a team - and stay alive?

J.D. Salinger **The Catcher in the Rye**
A sixteen year old American boy relates in his own words the experiences he goes through after being expelled from school and reveals with unusual candour the workings of his own mind. What does a boy in his teens think and feel about his teachers, parents, friends and acquaintances? A modern classic.

Alexander Gordon Smith **Furnace : Lockdown**
Furnace Penitentiary: the world's most secure prison for young offenders is buried a mile beneath the earth's surface. Convicted of a murder he didn't commit, sentenced to life without parole, 'new fish' Alex Sawyer knows he has two choices: find a way out, or resign himself to a death behind bars, in the darkness at the bottom of the world. Salisbury Schools' Book Award winner 2011

Sue Townsend **The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 ¾**
At thirteen years old, Adrian Mole has more than his fair share of problems - spots, ill-health, parents threatening to divorce, rejection of his poetry and much more - all recorded with brilliant humour in his diary.

John Van der Ruit **Spud**
Thirteen-year-old Spud Milton is about to start his first year at an elite boys-only boarding school. Cursed with embarrassingly dysfunctional parents, a nutty granny and a dormitory full of strange characters, Spud has his hands full trying to adapt to his new home. He takes readers on a rowdy boarding school romp full of illegal midnight swims, catastrophic cricket matches, ghost busting escapades, girls and disastrous holidays.

John Wyndham **The Chrysalids**
In the community of Waknut it is believed mutants are the products of the Devil and must be stamped out. When David befriends a girl with a slight abnormality he begins to understand the nature of fear and oppression. When he develops his own deviation he must learn to conceal his secret.

Many of these books are the first in a series.

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