



**Alameda Middle School**

**Recommended Reading**

**for**

**YEAR 8**



## Thrillers

Noughts and Crosses

The Recruit

Girl, Missing

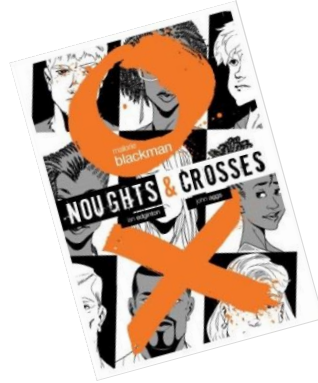
One of Us is Lying

The Outsiders

Frozen Charlotte

Roxy's Baby

Shelter



Malorie BLACKMAN

Robert MUCHAMORE

Sophie McKENZIE

Karen MCMANUS

S E HINTON

Alex BELL

Catherine MACPHAIL

Harlen COBEN



## Fantasy/SciFi

Lord of the Rings Trilogy

Mortal Engines

Twilight

The Enemy

Northern Lights

Department 19



J R R TOLKIEN

Phillip REEVES

Stephanie MEYER

Charlie HIGSON

Phillip PULLMAN

Will HILL



## Tough Life

Ways to Live  
Forever

Wonder



Sally NICHOLLS

J PALACIO

## War

Private Peaceful

Once

The Boy in the  
Striped Pyjamas



Michael MORPURGO

Maurice GLEITZMAN

John BOYNE

## Historical

Witch Child

Crusade



Celia REES

Elizabeth LAIRD

## Horror

Bec



Darren SHAN

## More Challenging

Jane Eyre

Lord of the Flies

Charlotte BRONTE

William GOLDING

Oliver Twist

The Hitchhiker's Guide  
to the Galaxy

My Family and Other Animals



Charles DICKENS

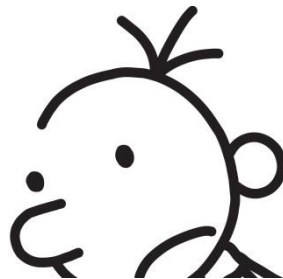
Douglas ADAMS

Gerald DURRELL

## Reluctant Readers

The Brilliant World of  
Tom Gates

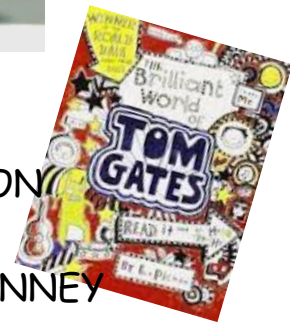
Diary of a Wimpy Kid



Boring

L PICHON

Jeff KINNEY



## Useful tools for encouraging reluctant readers

Graphic Novels

Guinness World Records

Ripley's Believe It Or Not

Joke books

Dyslexia friendly books published by Barrington Stoke

Comics, journals and the children's newspaper, First News.



**FirstNews**  
The weekly newspaper for young people

**Everything on this list is available in the  
School Library.**

We also recommend the following website for  
recommendations, strategies and news of new books

[www.booktrust.org.uk](http://www.booktrust.org.uk)