



# The Tiffin Girls' School



## Suggested Reading for Years 7 and 8

# Introduction

This list is a starting point for your reading. They are suggestions only, to get you started, and to bring to your attention books that you may not otherwise seek out or be aware of. Not all the books are for everyone – remember that your reading choices are personal to you.

Use the books suggested to explore others written by the same author. Try books from each genre: you never know what you might enjoy and remember that very few books fall into one genre only. This list doesn't include too many 'popular' fiction books, but of course there are lots of these as well.

All the books listed are in the School Library, but use your Public Library as well and remember to review the books you have read on the Library's Online Catalogue <https://uk.accessit.online/tff00/>, especially those you really think others should read, too.

You can also find other book lists and new books on these websites (and many others):

Booktrust Bookfinder: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/bookfinder/>

Common Sense Media: <https://www.common Sense Media.org/book-reviews>

Guardian Children's Books: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/series/children-s-book-roundup>

LoveReading4Kids: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Read it! Loved it!: <https://readitlovedit.com/home.html>

YAKBooks (by Reading Matters): <https://yakbooks.com/index.php>

Happy reading!

# The books

## Classics

Richard Adams  
Louisa May Alcott  
Jane Austen

Lucy Boston  
Charlotte Bronte  
Frances Hodgson Burnett  
Wilkie Collins  
Antoine de Saint-Exupery  
Charles Dickens

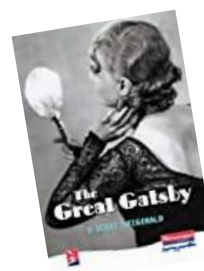
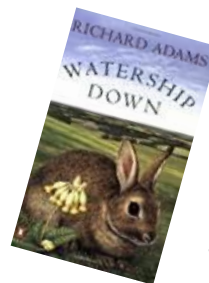
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle  
George Eliot

F. Scott Fitzgerald  
E.M. Forster

Thomas Hardy

Clive King  
Rudyard Kipling  
L. M. Montgomery  
E. Nesbit  
Philippa Pearce  
Edgar Allan Poe  
Arthur Ransome  
Noel Streatfeild  
Jonathan Swift

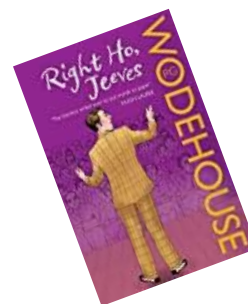
Watership Down  
Little Women  
Emma  
Pride and Prejudice  
Sense and Sensibility  
The Children of Green Knowe  
Jane Eyre  
The Secret Garden  
The Woman in White  
The Little Prince  
Hard Times  
The Old Curiosity Shop  
The Hound of the Baskervilles  
The Mill on the Floss  
Silas Marner  
The Great Gatsby  
Where Angels Fear to Tread  
Howards End  
The Mayor of Casterbridge  
Far from the Madding Crowd  
Stig of the Dump  
The Jungle Book  
Anne of Green Gables  
Five Children and It  
Tom's Midnight Garden  
The Fall of the House of Usher  
Swallows and Amazons  
Ballet Shoes  
Gulliver's Travels



## 20th Century Novels

John Fowles  
Graham Greene  
Ernest Hemingway  
Susan Hill  
C. S. Lewis  
George Orwell  
Jean Rhys  
John Steinbeck  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Evelyn Waugh  
H. G. Wells  
P. G. Wodehouse

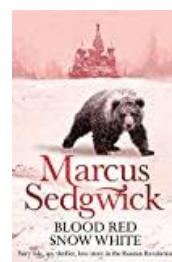
The French Lieutenant's Woman  
Brighton Rock  
The Old Man and the Sea  
The Woman in Black  
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe  
1984  
Wide Sargasso Sea  
The Grapes of Wrath  
Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde  
Decline and Fall  
The Invisible Man  
Right Ho, Jeeves



## Action / Adventure

Peter Abrahams  
Isabel Allende  
Malorie Blackman  
Jess Butterworth  
Eoin Colfer  
Chris Columbus  
Susan Cooper  
Helen Dunmore  
Cornelia Funke  
Charlie Higson  
Eva Ibbotson  
Nick Lake  
Simon Mayo  
Sophie McKenzie  
Katherine Rundell  
Marcus Sedgwick  
Trenton Lee Stewart  
Lauren St John  
Pat Walsh

Down the Rabbit Hole  
City of The Beasts  
Noughts & Crosses (novel series)  
Swimming Against the Storm  
Artemis Fowl  
House of Secrets  
Ghost Hawk  
Ingo  
The Thief Lord  
Silverfin  
Journey to the River Sea  
Nowhere on Earth  
Itch  
All My Secrets  
The Wolf Wilder  
Blood Red, Snow White  
The Mysterious Benedict Society  
Dead Man's Cove  
The Crowfield Curse



## Funny Books / Humour

Judy Blume  
Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Anne Fine  
Anthony Horowitz  
Jerome K. Jerome  
Michael Lawrence  
Terry Pratchett  
Louis Sachar  
Marcus Sedgwick

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing  
Framed  
Madame Doubtfire  
Public Enemy Number Two  
Three Men in a Boat  
The Iron, the Switch and the Broom Cupboard  
The Wee Free Men  
Holes  
Flood and Fang



## Fantasy

Natalie Babbitt  
Tim Bowler  
Sebastien de Castell  
Cornelia Funke  
Sally Gardner  
Gail Carson Levine  
Michelle Lovric  
Geraldine McCaughrean  
Garth Nix  
Kate O'Hearn  
Angie Sage  
Paul Stewart  
Paul Twivy

Tuck Everlasting  
Starseeker  
Spellslinger  
Inkheart  
I, Coriander  
Ella Enchanted  
The Undrowned Child  
Peter Pan in Scarlet  
Sabriel series  
Pegasus and the Flame  
Septimus Heap  
The Edge Chronicles  
Hallowed Ground



## Science Fiction / Dystopia

Sally Gardner  
M G Harris  
Polly Ho-Yen  
Ann Kelly  
Bren MacDibble  
Bali Rai  
Robert Swindells  
Mark Walden

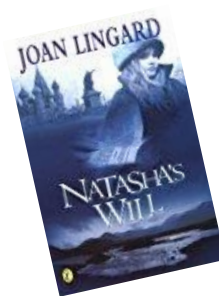
**Maggot Moon**  
**Invisible City**  
**The Boy in the Tower**  
**Runners**  
**The Dog Runner**  
**Fire City**  
**Timesnatch**  
**The H.I.V.E Series**



## Historical

Laurie Halse Anderson  
Kate Atkinson  
Lynn Reid Banks  
Emma Carroll  
Christopher Edge  
Julia Golding  
Mary Hooper  
Joan Lingard  
Michael Morpurgo  
Sally Nicholls  
Michelle Paver  
Philip Pullman  
Celia Rees  
Philip Reeve  
Ann Rinaldi  
Katherine Roberts  
Rosemary Sutcliff

**Chains** (American War of Independence)  
**Behind the Scenes at the Museum**  
**Tiger, Tiger** (Romans)  
**The Somerset Tsunami** (17<sup>th</sup> century)  
**Twelve Minutes to Midnight** (Victorians)  
**The Diamond of Drury Lane** (18<sup>th</sup> century)  
**At the House of the Magician** (Elizabeth I)  
**Natasha's Will** (Russian Revolution)  
**Private Peaceful** (World War I)  
**All Fall Down** (Black Death)  
**Wolf Brother** (Prehistoric)  
**The Ruby in the Smoke** (Victorians)  
**Witch Child** (17<sup>th</sup> century)  
**Here Lies Arthur** (King Arthur)  
**A Break with Charity** (Salem Witch Trials)  
**The Seven Fabulous Wonders series**  
**Eagle of the Ninth** (Romans)



## World War II

Nina Bawden  
John Boyne  
Paul Dowswell  
Anne Holm  
Shirley Hughes  
Judith Kerr  
Lois Lowry  
Michelle Magorian  
Ian Serraillier

**Carrie's Waz**  
**The Boy at the Top of the Mountain**  
**Aüslander**  
**I am David**  
**Hero on a Bicycle**  
**When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit**  
**Number the Stars**  
**Just Henry**  
**The Silver Sword**





## Set in Another Country

Boris Akunin  
Isabel Allende  
Jess Butterworth  
Agatha Christie  
Jostein Gaarder  
Fabio Geda  
Khalid Hosseini  
Elizabeth Laird  
Irfan Master  
Geraldine McCaughrean  
Beverly Naidoo  
Louis Nowra  
Arundhati Roy  
Katherine Rundell  
Asne Seierstad  
Adeline Yen Mah

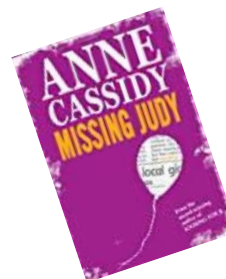
**The Winter Queen** (Russia)  
**City of the Beasts** (South America)  
**Running on the Roof of the World** (Tibet)  
**Death Comes as the End** (Egypt)  
**Sophie's World** (Norway)  
**In the Sea There are Crocodiles** (Afghanistan)  
**The Kite Runner** (Afghanistan/USA)  
**The Garbage King** (Ethiopia)  
**A Beautiful Lie** (India)  
**The Kite Rider** (China)  
**No Turning Back** (South Africa)  
**Into that Forest** (Australia)  
**The God of Small Things** (India)  
**Rooftoppers** (France)  
**The Bookseller of Kabul** (Afghanistan)  
**Chinese Cinderella** (China)



## Real-Life

Kwame Alexander  
Sita Brahmachari  
Anne Cassidy  
Sarah Crossan  
Jeniffer Donnelly  
Anne Fine  
Morris Gleitzman  
Hilary McKay  
Annabel Pitcher  
Onjali Q. Rauf

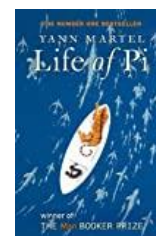
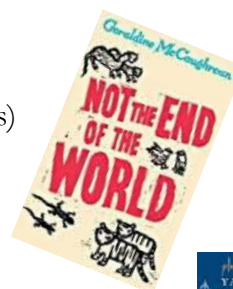
**Booked**  
**Artichoke Hearts**  
**Missing Judy**  
**Apple and Rain**  
**A Gathering Light**  
**The Tulip Touch**  
**Grace**  
**Saffy's Angel** (Costa/Whitbread winner)  
**My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece**  
**The Boy at the Back of the Class** (Waterstones winner)



## Award Winners

David Almond  
Sophie Anderson  
Jasbinder Bilan  
Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Sharon Creech  
Gillian Cross  
Berlie Doherty  
Neil Gaiman  
Diana Hendry  
Yan Martel  
Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
Geraldine McCaughrean  
Michael Morpurgo  
Patrick Ness  
Terry Pratchett  
Jason Reynolds

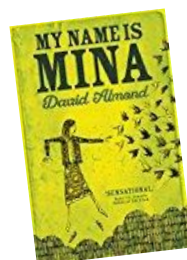
**Skellig** (Carnegie)  
**The House with Chicken Legs** (Carnegie)  
**Asha and the Spirit Bird** (Costa)  
**The Unforgotten Coat** (Guardian Children's)  
**Ruby Holler** (Carnegie)  
**Wolf** (Carnegie)  
**Granny was a Buffer Girl** (Carnegie)  
**The Graveyard Book** (Carnegie)  
**Harvey Angell** (Costa/Whitbread)  
**Life of Pi** (Booker Prize)  
**The Girl of Ink and Stars** (Waterstones)  
**Not the End of the World** (Whitbread)  
**Kensuke's Kingdom** (Children's Book Award)  
**A Monster Calls** (Children's Book Award)  
**The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents** (Carnegie)  
**Look Both Ways** (Carnegie)



## Carnegie Medal Shortlisted

David Almond  
Lissa Evans  
Candy Gourlay  
Will Hill  
R J Palacio  
Annet Schaap  
Dave Shelton  
Rebecca Stead  
Jenny Valentine  
Lauren Wolk

**My Name is Mina**  
**Small Change for Stuart**  
**Bone Talk**  
**After the Fire**  
**Wonder**  
**Lampie and the Children of the Sea**  
**A Boy and A Bear in a Boat**  
**Liar and Spy**  
**Fire Colour One**  
**Echo Mountain**



## Non-Fiction

Maya Angelou

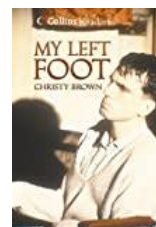
**I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**  
**Gather Together in My Name**  
**Singin' and Swingin' and Gettin' Merry like Christmas**  
**The Heart of a Woman**  
**All God's Children Need Travelling Shoes**

Christy Brown  
Bill Bryson

**My Left Foot**  
**Notes from a Small Island**  
**Down Under**

Jung Chang  
Frank McCourt  
Michael Palin

**Wild Swans**  
**Angela's Ashes**  
**Himalaya**



## Poetry / Novels in Verse

Maya Angelou  
Dean Atta  
Grace Nichols

**The Complete Collected Poems**  
**The Black Flamingo**  
**Can I Buy a Slice of Sky? Poems from Black, Asian and American Indian Cultures**

Siegfried Sassoon  
Ibi Zoboi and Yusef Salaam

**The War Poems**  
**Punching the Air**



## Plays

Arthur Miller

**Death of a Salesman**  
**The Crucible**  
**A View from the Bridge**  
**Under Milk Wood**  
**The Picture of Dorian Grey**  
**The Glass Menagerie**  
**A Streetcar Named Desire**  
**Cat on a Hot Tin Roof**

Dylan Thomas  
Oscar Wilde  
Tennessee Williams



