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## Top 60 books for reluctant readers at KS3

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### Books for pupils with a reading age below their actual age

***The Vampire of Croglin (Reloaded)***

By Terry Deary

***The Ghost Box***

By Catherine Fisher

***Diary of an (Un) Teenager***

By Pete Johnson

**Seriously Silly Stories – series**

By Laurence Anholt and Arthur Robins

Including:

- *Shampoozel*
- *Eco-wolf and the Three Pigs*
- *Ghostyshocks and the Three Scares*

***Desirable***

By Frank Cottrell Boyce

**FYI: Fiction with Stacks of Facts**

**Bridging the gap**

These books are a little more challenging, for those who up to now have been reading specialist titles for struggling readers, are ready to move on, but perhaps lack the confidence or enthusiasm.

***Raven's Gate (Power of Five) Graphic Novel***

By Anthony Horowitz

***Bodyguard: Hostage***

By Chris Bradford

**Series**

Various authors

Including:

- *The Doomsday Virus* by Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore
- *The Last Viking* by Terry Deary
- *The Greatest* by Alan Gibbons

**Timepiece series**

By Anne Perry

The first three books are:

- *Tudor Rose*
- *Rose of No Man's Land*
- *Blood Red Rose*

***Deadline***

By John Townsend

***Ninja: First Mission (Ninja Trilogy)***

By Chris Bradford

***Knightley and Son***

By Rohan Gavin

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### Books for average ability pupils who don't have the reading habit

**The Saga of Darren Shan – series**

By Darren Shan

The first three books are:

- *Cirque Du Freak*
- *The Vampire's Assistant*
- *Tunnels of Blood*

**The Cherub Series**

By Robert Muchamore

- *The Recruit*
- *Class A*
- *Maximum Security*

**The Bindi Babes Series**

By Narinder Dharmi

The first three books are:

- *Bindi Babes*
- *Bollywood Babes*
- *Bhangra Babes*

***Socks Are Not Enough***

By Mark Lowery

**The Young Bond Series**

By Charlie Higson

The first three in the series are:

- *Silverfin*
- *Blood Fever*

- *Double or Die*

**The Alex Rider Series**

By Anthony Horowitz

The first three books are:

- *Stormbreaker*
- *Point Blanc*
- *Skeleton Key*

**Love Ya Babe**

By Chris Higgins

**The Giver Quartet**

By Lois Lowry

The four books are:

- *The Giver*
- *Gathering Blue*
- *Messenger*
- *Son*

**Refugee Boy**

By Benjamin Zephaniah

**The Graveyard Book**

By Neil Gaiman

**Set In Stone**

By Linda Newbery

**Skin Deep**

By Malaika Rose Stanley

**The Garbage King**

By Elizabeth Laird

**Grass**

By Cathy Macphail

**A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E**

By Malorie Blackman

**Books for pupils whose reading age is above their actual age**

**Never Odd or Even**

By John Townsend

**Paupers**

By Mary Chapman

**Among the Hidden**

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

**The Abhorsen Trilogy**

By Garth Nix

The books in the trilogy are:

- *Sabriel*
- *Lirael*
- *Abhorsen*

**Revolver**

**She is Not Invisible**

By Marcus Sedgwick

**The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn**

By Mark Twain

**Liar and Spy**

By Rebecca Stead

**Call of the Wild**

By Jack London

**A Fall of Moondust**

By Arthur C Clarke

**The Hobbit**

By J.R.R Tolkien

**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**

By Douglas Adams