

Recommended Young ks3 reads – reading ages 10-12

Ethan's Voice by Rachel Carter (how do you tell your story when you can't speak?)

The Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan (meet and share the experiences of a remarkable girl who shows us how quiet courage prevails)

Drawing a Veil by Don Lari (when her best friend suddenly turns up at school wearing a black headscarf, Ellie isn't sure what to think)

The Harder They fall by Bali Rai (a well placed plot that includes themes of bullying and poverty)

My Brother's Shadow –by Tom Avery (Kaia is frozen when her brother dies, but can an unexpected friend help her to grow again?)

Make More Noise by Emma Carroll (a truly diverse collection of optimistic, powerful stories about historical and contemporary girls and women)

How To Look For a Lost Dog by Ann M Martin ((a heart-rending tale of a girl with autism who is given a dog, only to lose it in a flood)

Grace by Morris Gleitzman (a moving, funny and clever insight into life in a religious sect)

Cowgirl by G.R GEMIN (Gemma's mum is angry her dad's in prison and now her gran's got a cow in her backyard)

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd (a page turning mystery with many twists and turns)

The Goat by Ann Fleming by (a humorous quirky novel about love fear and friendship)

The Blood Guard by Carter Roy (be prepared for a fast and spectacular ride)

Wonder by R.J Palacio (a beautifully written thought provoking book)

Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed (a compelling tale of one girl's determination to make the world a fairer place)

At the Worlds End by Catherine Fisher (a gripping dystopian adventure with two friends working together to survive)

Hope in a Ballet Shoe by Michaela and De Prince (a book that will make you smile and make you cry and remind you to feel grateful for all that you have)

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher (a book that perfectly captures the world and its confusing issues from a child's point of view)

Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian (a superbly written and deeply moving tale, which shows that even the most unlikely people can become exceptional parents)

Splash by Charli Howard (a sensitive novel that encourages young people to follow their dreams and find their own place in the world)

A Girl Called Owl by Amy Wilson (a perfect read for those who love wintery magic and a strong female character proving her place in the world)