

Years 9-11 Reading List for those who prefer an easier to read format

Top tips for choosing a book from the National Literacy Trust:

1. Look at the cover. Does it look interesting?
2. Read the blurb. Does it make you want to read the book?
3. Think about the type of book. Have you enjoyed books of this type before?
4. Try it out. Not every book might be for you but it’s worth giving it a good go. If after 10 pages you are really not enjoying it, it might be a good idea to choose a new book.
5. Ask for help! Speak to a teacher, the librarian or a friend to get a good recommendation.

Books about real life:

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| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781129807.png | Know my Place  Eve Ainsworth | After leaving her long-term foster family, Amy feels hopeless and alone. But a new placement brings unexpected hope. |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781126820.png | The Harder They Fall  Bali Rai | Jacob is the new boy at school and there are those who can’t pass up the chance to pick on the kid who’s different. |
| Needle | Needle  Patrice Lawrence | Charlene gets sucked into the criminal justice system for assault after stabbing someone in the hand with her knitting needle. |

Books to make you laugh:

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| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781121870.png | Awesome  Pete Johnson | When Ben starts at a new school, the last thing he expects is to be mistaken for a TV star! Can he stop pretending to be someone he's not before things spin out of control? |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781842998397.png | Return of the (Un)Teenager  Pete Johnson | Spencer and Emily kissed a few weeks ago but they haven't talked since. It'll take some ill-advised fashion choices, a disastrous disco and a terrible party to convince him that Emily may actually like him - just the way he is! |

Books set in the past:

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| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781121962.png | A Lily, A Rose  Sally Nicholls | Lady Elinor of Hardford has fallen in love for the first time, with Dan, a knight-in-training. But her father has other plans. She must marry his friend, Sir William of Courtney- and he's nearly 50! |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781124017.png | Ring of Roses  Mary Hooper | This book is set in London during the height of the Plague in the 1600s. Can Abby keep herself and her small charge Grace safe, or will the disaster engulf them? |

Ghost stories:

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| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781120811.png | Ghosting  Keith Gray | Nat and his sister Sandy help the living contact the dead. But they don't believe in the ghosts they pretend to speak to. So imagine their surprise when the dead start talking back...and they discover that the dead are the least of their problems... |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781842999875.png | The Ghost Box  Catherine Fisher | Sarah finds herself responsible for freeing the soul of a frustrated ghost, who will punish her severely if she fails. But will freeing the ghost turn out to be a huge mistake? |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781121887.png | You Killed Me!  Keith Gray | There's a dead man at the end of Toby's bed. He says that Toby killed him. Did he? Toby is taken back in time. Can he save Len from being killed? |

Fast-paced crime and drama:

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| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781121900.png | Shivers  Bali Rai | When Sam meets Cassie in a snow storm, his life changes forever. But Cassie has secrets, and soon Sam is caught up in a storm of a different kind. |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781124925.png | Getting Away With It  Anne Cassidy | They thought the joyride would be a bit of a laugh. No one was meant to get hurt. But now Mark's caught up in the worst possible scenario - he left Katie behind and now she's dead. |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781120439.png | Bloodline  Kevin Brooks | Finbar's day gets considerably more exciting when a crazy girl bursts into his house, with a gun and a bag full of cash. Who is she? And what has she done? |
| https://cdn.microlibrarian.net/dol/api/dol/image/0/0/0/9781781128435.png | Lark  Anthony McGowan | A walk on the moors goes terrifyingly wrong for two brothers when they are caught in a blizzard. |