

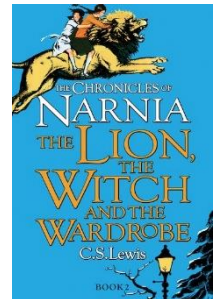
Year 7 Great Reads



Classics

***The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis**

Four adventurous siblings: Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy, step through a wardrobe door and into the land of Narnia, a land of eternal winter, enslaved by the White Witch.



***Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome**

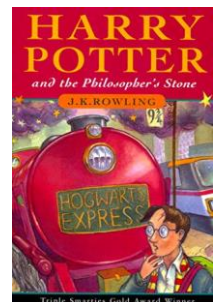
The Walker children set sail on the Swallow and head for Wild Cat Island and high adventure with the Blakett sisters, the fierce Amazon pirates.

***Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson**

Treasure Island tells the tale of Jim Hawkins' boyhood adventure on a quest for hidden treasure.

***Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling**

On his eleventh birthday, Harry discovers that his parents were a witch and a wizard and that he, a wizard himself, has been invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

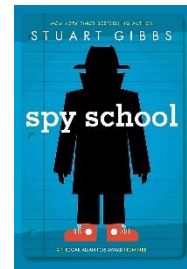




Humour

***Spy School* by Stuart Gibbs**

Ben Ripley may only be in middle school, but he's already focused on his dream job: CIA or bust. Unfortunately for him, his personality doesn't exactly scream "secret agent." In fact, Ben is so awkward, he can barely get to school and back without a mishap.



***The World of Norm* by Jonathan Meres**

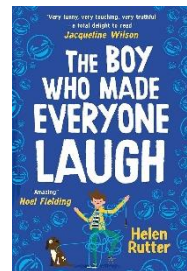
Why on earth did Norm's family have to move, anyway? In their old house he'd never tried to pee in anything other than a toilet. And when Norm is in bed, he's kept awake by his dad snoring like a rhinoceros!

***The Private Blog of Joe Cowley* by Ben Davis**

So here's the thing: I've decided to start writing a blog. A private one. The idea is that it'll help me sort my life out, because quite frankly, it can't get much worse. I gained the nickname Puke Skywalker after vomiting over Louise Bentley.

***The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh* by Helen Rutter**

Billy dreams of becoming a stand-up comedian, but worries his stutter will get in the way. When he starts secondary school, he has a bully to deal with and a talent show to enter. Can he fulfil his dreams and make some new friends along the way?



Science Fiction & Dystopia

***Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline**

In the year 2045, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's immersed in the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade has devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines.



***The Giver* by Lois Lowry**

It is the future. There is no war, no hunger and no pain. But when he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that all is not as perfect as it seems.

***The Call* by Peadar O'Guilin**

Imagine a world where you might disappear any minute, only to find yourself alone in a grey sickly land, with more horrors in it than you would ever wish to know about. Then you hear a horn, and you know that whoever lives in this hell has got your scent and the hunt has already begun.

***Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth* by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

The Blythes are a big, warm rambunctious family who live on a small farm and sometimes foster children. Now Prez has come to live with them. But, though he seems cheerful and helpful, he never says a word.

***Itch* by Simon Mayo**

Itchingham Lofte, known as Itch, is 14 and loves science, especially chemistry. He's also an element-hunter; he's decided to collect all the elements in the periodic table, which has some interesting and rather destructive results in his bedroom.



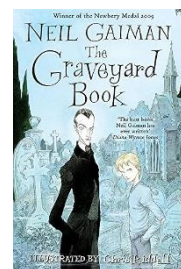
Horror and Ghost Stories

***Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror* by Chris Priestley**

Uncle Montague lives alone in a big house and his regular visits from his nephew give him the opportunity to retell some of the most frightening stories he knows.

***The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman**

After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own.



***My Swordhand is Singing* by Marcus Sedgwick**

Peter doesn't understand why his father carries a long battered box everywhere they go, and why he is forbidden to know its contents.

***Cirque Du Freak* by Darren Shan**

Darren goes to a banned freak show with his best friend Steve. It's the wonderfully gothic Cirque Du Freak where weird, frightening half human/half animals appear and interact terrifyingly with the audience.



***A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness**

The monster showed up just after midnight. As they do. But it isn't the monster Conor has been expecting.



Global and Social Issues

Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

Never have Aman and his mother needed a friend more than when a starving Springer Spaniel appears in the mouth of their Afghan cave.



Trash by Andy Mulligan

Raphael lives on a dumpsite. One lucky/unlucky day, he makes an extraordinary and deadly discovery.

The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Rauf

Told with heart and humour, The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.



The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

From Boston Globe–Horn Book Award winner Katherine Rundell comes an exciting new novel about a group of children who must survive in the Amazon after their plane crashes.



Form Time Reading

From Spring Term 2023, during Form Time, Year 7 groups will begin reading a selection of the following novels:

- **Kick by Mitch Johnson;**
- **The Dark is Rising by Susan Cooper;**
- **Wolf by Gillian Cross;**
- **A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle;**
- **Spark by Mitch Johnson.**

