

Summer Reads KS3 - July 2026

The Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger by J.T. Williams.

Twelve-year-olds Lizzie Sancho and Dido Belle try to prevent a murder from happening and to find the gang responsible for kidnapping people to sell into slavery.

Time Lions and the Chrono-Loop by Krystal Sutherland.

Genius twins Pearl and Patrick have an adventure through time, discovering a secret of Sri Lanka's history.

Some Places More Than Others by Renee Watson.

Amara discovers more about her family, and herself, when she goes to visit her father's side of the family who live in New York City.

Coach by Jason Reynolds.

This is the fifth book in the best selling Run series about an elite track team.

Mayowa and the Sea of Words by Chibundu Onuzo.

Ten-year-old dual-heritage Mayowa discovers she has inherited the family skill of using the emotions in books to influence the action of others. She uses her new-found skill to help save refugees from a government deportation bill.

My Name is Samim by Fidan Meikle.

Thirteen-year-old Samim is a loyal friend, a gifted chess player -- and a refugee. After his family is killed in a bombing, Samim makes a long, dangerous journey from Afghanistan to the UK.

Can You See Me? by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott.

An autistic girl learns to be herself instead of trying to hide her condition from people around her.

The Highlands Falcon Thief (Adventures on a Train Book One) by M. G. Leonard.

Eleven-year-old Harrison, helped by his new friend Lenny Singh, solves the mystery of a jewel thief while on a steam train trip with his uncle.

Horowitz Horror by Anthony Horowitz.

A collection of macabre and spooky ghost and horror tales.

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson.

The story of a girl's emigration to South America to meet her strange family and adventures on the Amazon River.

Strike by Mitch Johnson.

A young boy is excited to be scouted for a top Premier league team's junior academy but finds his place under threat when he protests against the sweatshops that make the club's football kit and boots.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle.

A boy and girl become involved with unearthly strangers in a search for their father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

The Secret of Splint Hall by Katie Cotton.

After losing their dad in the Second World War, two sisters are sent to live in a mysterious house with their aunt and uncover a big family secret.

Cobweb by Michael Morpurgo.

Britain, 1815 and the end of the war with Napoleon is approaching. When Cobweb is stolen and sold, he must learn to be a Drover's Dog, herding sheep and cattle on the long journey to London but will he ever get home again...

Birdlands by Anthony McGowan.

Follows three vulnerable birds who form an unlikely friendship and journey through dangerous landscapes in search of safety and belonging.

The Boy with Big Decisions by Helen Rutter.

A humorous book about a boy called Fred who can't make a decision about anything - his parents always tell him what to do, from what to eat every day to which secondary school to choose. The reader is invited to help him make good decisions.