

# St John Bosco

## ARTS COLLEGE

### KS3 Reading for Pleasure Challenge Year 8 The Hunger Games



## A guide for parents & students The Reading Challenge

To encourage frequent reading, we are setting some challenges to KS3 students. Below is a reading list ranked in challenge order from Bronze to Silver & Gold. These books can be used as your 10 mins reading book or you could read them at home. You can earn prizes and certificates from your teacher if you read titles from these lists:

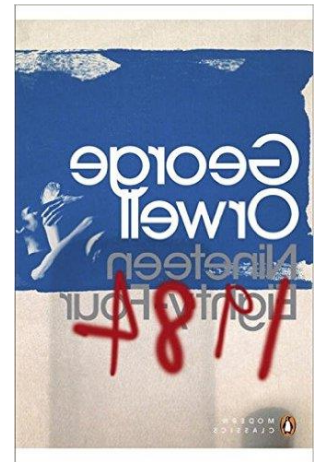
## Gold reads



### 1) *Nineteen Eighty Four* (George Orwell)

'Who controls the past controls the future: who controls the present controls the past'; a theme shown in the Hunger Games and in this novel, both consider the control placed on world's in the future.

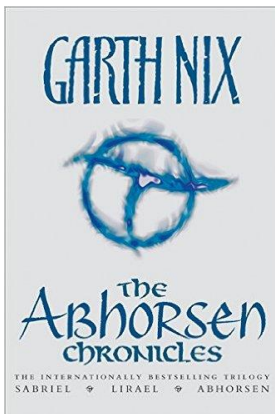
Hidden away in the Record Department of the sprawling Ministry of Truth, Winston Smith skilfully rewrites the past to suit the needs of the Party. Yet he inwardly rebels against the totalitarian world he lives in, which demands absolute obedience and controls him through the all-seeing telescreens and the watchful eye of Big Brother, symbolic head of the Party. In his longing for truth and liberty, Smith begins a secret love affair with a fellow-worker Julia, but soon discovers the true price of freedom is betrayal.



George Orwell's dystopian masterpiece, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* is perhaps the most pervasively influential book of the twentieth century.

### 2) *The Abhorsen Chronicles* (Garth Nix)

This paperback collection contains the complete text of the first three beloved bestselling books in Garth's Nix's Old Kingdom series: *Sabriel*, *Lirael*, and *Abhorsen* and explore the force of fighting for life and death, just like Katniss in the Hunger Games.



*Sabriel*; Every step brings Sabriel closer to a battle that will pit her against the true forces of life and death and bring her face-to-face with her own destiny

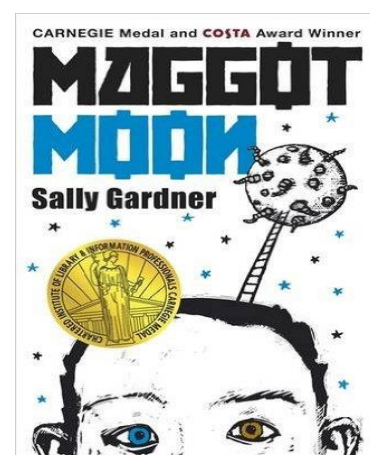
*Lirael*; With only her faithful companion, the Disreputable Dog, Lirael must undertake a desperate mission under the growing shadow of an ancient evil, which threatens the fate of the Old Kingdom.

*Abhorsen*; The *Abhorsen Sabriel* and *King Touchstone* are missing, and Lirael must search in both Life and Death for some means to defeat the evil Destroyer before it is too late"

Recommended by Miss Hubrecht!

### 3) *Maggot Moon* (Sally Gardner)

Narrated against the backdrop of a ruthless regime, just as Katniss does in her tale of rebellion against the Capitol, determined to beat its enemies in the race to the moon, *MAGGOT MOON* is the astonishing new novel from award-winning author Sally Gardner. When his best friend Hector is suddenly taken away, Standish Treadwell realises that it is up to him, his grandfather and a small band of rebels to confront and defeat the ever-present oppressive forces of the Motherland. Utterly original and stunning, it is impossible not to be moved by *MAGGOT MOON*'s powerful story and the unforgettable heroism of Standish.



## Silver reads



### 1) *The Lovely Bones*



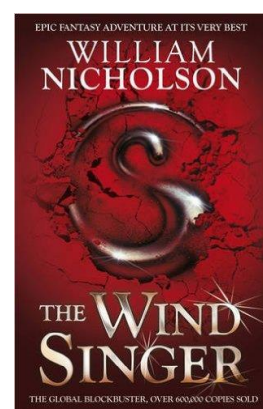
*In the Hunger Games a family is torn apart, the family in The Lovely Bones faces a terrible trauma.*

*The Lovely Bones* is the story of a family devastated by a gruesome murder -- a murder recounted by the teenage victim.

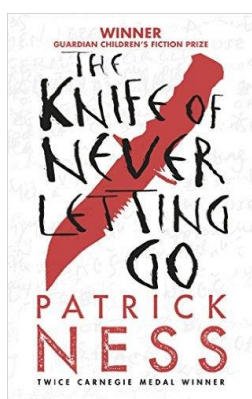
### 2) *The Wind on Fire Trilogy (William Nicholson)*

"I hate school! I hate ratings! I won't reach higher! I won't strive harder! I won't make tomorrow better than today!" In the walled city state of Aramanth, rules are everything, just as they are to the districts of *The Hunger Games*. When Kestrel Hath dares to rebel, the Chief Examiner humiliates her father and sentences the whole family to the harshest punishment. Desperate to save them, Kestrel learns the secret of the wind singer, and she and her twin brother, Bowman, set out on a terrifying journey to the true source of evil that grips Aramanth . . .

Remember this is a trilogy! You can read all three! Particularly recommended by Miss Hubrecht!



### 3) *The Knife of Never Letting go (Patrick Ness)*

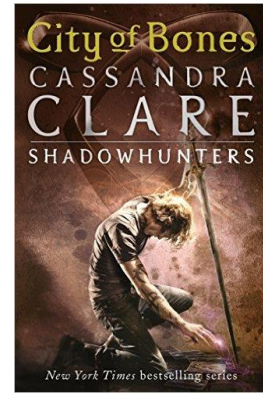


Katniss is the only one who can protect her family in *The Hunger Games* and she feels trapped in world of rules and regime; secrets keep her from the truth. This novel develops the same theme. Imagine you're the only boy in a town of men. And you can hear everything they think. And *they* can hear everything *you* think. Imagine you don't fit in with their plans... Todd Hewitt is just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. But his town has been keeping secrets from him. Secrets that are going to force him to run... The new edition of this unflinching novel about fear, flight and the terrifying path of self-discovery features the short story, *The New World*. Set before the events of *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, it is the story of Viola's dramatic journey to the New World.

This is narrated by a boy who never had a real education...how many incorrect spellings can you find? Write them down with their corrections and win a prize from your English teacher. This is a slow book to get into, but Miss Hubrecht can guarantee that it's worth persevering with! (This is also a trilogy...so read away!)

#### 4) *The Mortal Instruments (Cassandra Clare)*

The Mortal Instruments Collection follows the troubles of teenager, fighting in a world that constantly changes; just like Katniss and her fight against others in The Hunger Games. Discover the secrets of the Shadowhunters as they wage a terrifying war to keep the world safe from demons in the sensational and internationally bestselling Mortal Instruments series by Cassandra Clare. Box-set includes City of Bones, City of Ashes, City of Glass, City of Fallen Angels, City of Lost Souls and City of Heavenly Fire.



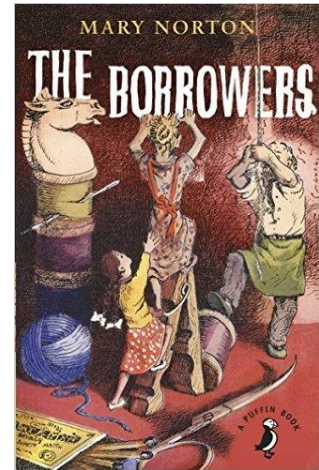
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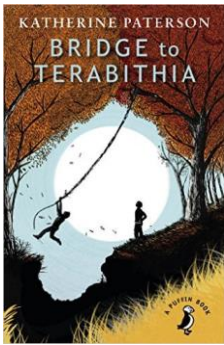


### 5) *The Borrowers* (Mary Norton/Judith Elkin)

Katniss Everdeen hunts in secret. Katniss Everdeen fights the capital in secret. Others live in secret too...The Borrowers live in the secret places of quiet old houses; behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock. They own nothing, borrow everything, and think that human beings were invented just to do the dirty work. Arrietty's father, Pod, was an expert Borrower. He could scale curtains using a hatpin, and bring back a doll's teacup without breaking it. Girls weren't supposed to go borrowing but as Arrietty was an only child her father broke the rule, and then something happened which changed their lives. She made friends with the human boy living in the house...



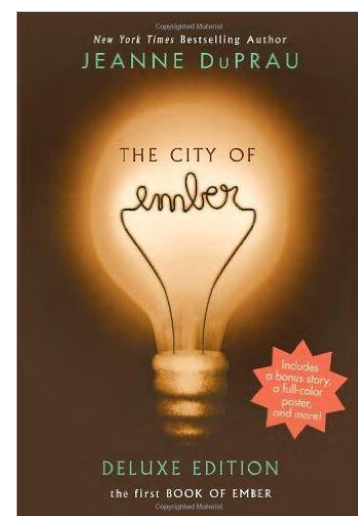
### 6) *The Bridge to Terabithia* (Katherine Paterson)



Peeta Melark loves Katniss Everdeen; the Hunger Games brings them together but not in a way either of them would have wanted. The two are lost. Jess Aarons wants to be the fastest boy in the class, but when a girl named Leslie Burke moves into the neighbouring farm his life changes forever and he too becomes lost. Even though she runs faster than him, Jess begins to think Leslie might be okay - she's clever and funny and not a bit sippy. And it is Leslie who invents Terabithia, the secret country on an island across the creek where he can escape his troublesome family. The only way to reach Terabithia is by rope-swing where Jess and Leslie become King and Queen, defeating giants, sharing stories and dreams, and plotting against their enemies. They are invincible - until tragedy strikes. It is more dreadful than anything Jess had ever dreamed of, but as he struggles to cope with his grief and anger, he finds that his family value him more than he'd thought and that, still King, he could even save Terabithia for the future.

### 7) *City of Ember* (Jeanne Duprau)

The city of Ember was built as a last refuge for the human race, just like the Districts in Panem, The Hunger Games. But now with terrifying blackouts sweeping through the streets, Lina and Doon know it's only a matter of time before the lights go out and never come back on again. When Lina finds part of an ancient message, she's sure it holds a secret that will save Ember. Together, she and Doon explore long-forgotten parts of their dying city as they race to solve the mystery. If they succeed, they will have to convince everyone to follow them into danger and an exciting new world. But if they fail? The lights will burn out and the darkness will close in forever.



## **What else can we do?**

There are lots of things that families can do together to support the improvement of reading ability and enjoyment – and not all of them require a book.

### **Talk as a family about reading**

By secondary school most students are competent readers and are less likely to read aloud to an adult. That's a natural progression, but it doesn't mean that parents don't have a part to play. The higher level skills of inference and understanding the craft of an author can be supported by talking about what has been read.

### **Share a book**

Just because you don't necessarily read together doesn't mean that parents and children can't share a book. Young Adult fiction is excellent and well worth a read as a parent. Why not both read the same book?

### **Model what it is to be a reader**

Many parents will read, whether it be fiction, newspapers, online or in any other context. Get in the habit of being seen to read, and valuing reading.

### **Join the free online library**

Library membership a free service for children and adults. There are no overdue fines as books are returned automatically. There is an excellent selection of books, audiobooks and magazines available. The

software will work on a range of devices including mobile phones, tablets and laptops

You can join the online library at [www.readliverpool.co.uk](http://www.readliverpool.co.uk).

## Visit Liverpool Central Library Liverpool

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# Good Reading

Fiction books aren't the only sort of reading material that will help you improve your reading ability.

Reading these will help:



Newspapers



Websites



Non-fiction

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Magazines



Graphic Novels



Audio books



