



**Cardinal Pole Year 8 suggested reading: all books are available in our Library.**

**If you like gritty stories about real life**

Ace of Spades by Faridah Abike-Iyimide  
Anything by Angie Thomas eg The Hate U Give and On The Come Up  
The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes  
October, October by Katya Balen  
Blood Moon by Lucy Cuthew  
Anything by Jason Reynolds (especially Ghost or Look Both Ways)  
Clap When You Land and With The Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo  
Apple and Rain or anything by Sarah Crossan  
Anything by Renee Watson  
Anything by Malorie Blackman  
Boy 87 by Ele Fountain  
Clean Getaway by Nic Stone  
Anything by Anthony McGowan eg Lark

**If you like historical stories**

Once by Morris Gleitzman  
Who Let The Gods Out by Maz Evans  
Anything by Michael Morpurgo  
The Diary of Anne Frank graphic novel  
Greek legend mini-books eg Thor

**If you like romance...**

The Heartstopper series (graphic novels) by Alice Oseman  
Excuse me While I Ugly Cry by Joyner Goffney  
The To All Of The Boys I've Loved Before series by Jenny Han  
Anything by Nicola Yoon, especially Everything, Everything and The Sun is Also a Star  
The Fault in Our Stars by John Green  
A Pho Love Story by Loan Le  
Frankly in Love – David Yoon

**If you like stories with strong female characters**

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll  
Can You See Me by Libby Scott and Rebecca Westcott  
Slay by Brittney Morris

The Only Black Girls in Town by Brandy Colbert  
Invisible Emmie graphic novels  
Vote for Effie by Laura Wood  
Vi Spy by Maz Evans  
The Belles by Dhonielle Clayton  
Smile, Drama, Guts or Sisters by Raina Telgemeier  
Rooftoppers by Kathryn Rundell  
The Murder Most Unladylike series by Robin Stevens

**If you like action**

The Caraval series by Stephanie Garber  
Anything by Michael Horowitz, including the Alex Rider graphic novel series  
Anything by Michael Grant  
The Skullduggery Pleasant series  
Anything by Leigh Bardugo eg the Shadow and Bone series  
Artemis Fowl and The Fowl Twins by Eoin Colfer  
The Percy Jackson series

**If you like horror**

Amy Chelsea Stacie Dee by Mary G Thompson  
The Dollhouse Murders by Betty Ren Wright  
I am Not A Serial Killer by Dan Wells  
Demon Road by Derek Landy  
Lock The Doors by Vincent Ralph  
Lies Like Poison by Chelsea Pitcher

**Challenging reads:**

Anything by Patrick Ness  
Toffee by Sarah Crossan  
In The Key of Code by Aimee Lucido  
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi  
Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds  
Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu  
One of Us Is Lying by Karen M. McManus  
The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds  
The Noughts and Crosses trilogy by Malorie Blackman  
Eights Pieces of Silva by Patrice Lawrence  
Anything by Holly Bourne  
Anything by John Green (including *The Fault in Our Stars*).

**Classic reads:**

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak