



Year 7 Recommended Reads 2016 – 2017

Author	Title	
John Boyne	The Boy at the Top of the Mountain	When Pierrot is left an orphan he is claimed by his only relative: his father's sister Beatrix. Beatrix lives in an isolated house high up in the mountains; the mountain retreat of Hitler. Pierrot's life is now dominated by Hitler himself and everything from his name onwards is about to change.
Cathy Cassidy	Broken Heart Club	Sometimes things happen that you could never have expected and "forever" might not be as long as you think. How many friends does it take to mend a broken heart?
Dan Freedman	The Kick Off	Jamie's desperate to become Kingfield School's star football player. After he wrecks his chances at the trials, the pressure's on to prove himself.
Andy Griffiths	The 52 Storey Treehouse	A story about Andy and Terry and their amazing custom-built treehouse – their dream adventure-playground. Whatever they fancy, they build so the treehouse includes a watermelon smashing machine, a life size snakes and ladders game with real snakes and real ladders.
Katherine Rundell	Wolf Wilder	Leeds Book Award Shortlist 2016. A story of revolution and adventure, about standing up for the things you love and fighting back. And, of course, wolves.
Louis Sachar	Fuzzy Mud	Hoping to avoid Chad, the school bully, Marshall and Tamaya decide to go through the woods. Something is waiting for them which is strange, sinister and entirely unexpected.
Kim Slater	A Seven Letter Word	Finlay is articulate, an excellent Scrabble player, which makes it so frustrating that the seven letter word that defines him is stammer. From being about a boy struggling to express himself this grows into a tense story of truths being spelled out.
Kim Slater	Smart	Leeds Book Award Winner 2015. Being a detective is difficult when you're Kieran Woods. When you're amazing at drawing but terrible at fitting in and when there are dangerous secrets everywhere, not just outside, but under your own roof.
David Walliams	Grandpa's Great Escape	This story concerns Jack and his grandpa, a former WWII RAF ace, now in the throes of dementia and convinced it is 1940 (the book is set in 1983). The adventure they have involves a breakout from an old people's home, confrontations with various dastardly adults, and a glorious getaway in a Spitfire.
Jacqueline Wilson	Rent a Bridesmaid	In Tilly's favourite daydream, she's kitted out in the most beautiful bridesmaid dress, walking down the aisle behind a beautiful bride. It's time for Tilly to make her own dream come true - and put her bridesmaid services up for hire. A fabulous, funny and moving story about the power of friendship.