



**GOSFORD HILL
SCHOOL**

Gosford Hill School

Book List

Kinney – Diary of a Wimpy Kid (Various titles)

Written and illustrated as engaging and hilarious diary entries, this is the perfect series for reluctant readers following Greg Heffley and his attempts to become popular.

Walliams – Various titles

The biggest selling children's author since the year 2000. Sold over 37 million copies worldwide.

J K Rowling

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Harry, a young orphan, discovers on his eleventh birthday that he is a wizard and is invited to attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. There he makes friends and learns he is famous for having survived an attack by the evil wizard Lord Voldemort, who killed his parents. The series chronicles Harry's coming-of-age and ongoing battle against Voldemort, who seeks to regain his power and control the wizarding world.

Collins – The Hunger Games

Catching Fire
Mockingjay

Katniss Everdeen replaces her sister in a tournament that ends when only one participant remains. Katniss's struggle and ultimate survival sparks a revolution to overthrow the tyrannical Capitol.

Palacio – Wonder

The story of Auggie Pullman, a 10 year-old with a severe facial disfigurement as he struggles with bullying, his efforts to make friends, and how his journey impacts others.



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Dahl – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

A small group of contest winners tour the magical and mysterious factory of eccentric candy maker Willy Wonka.

Dahl – Boy

Roald Dahl's autobiographical account of his childhood and adolescence.

Dahl – Going Solo

Follows on from 'Boy' starting when Dahl was 22 in 1938.

Sachar – Holes

Follows Stanley Yelnats as he's wrongly sent to the Camp Green Lake Detention Centre where the boys are forced to dig holes.

Anne Frank – Diary of a Young Girl

The writings of a Jewish girl who hid with her family during Nazi occupation of Netherlands in WWII. Published posthumously by her father.

Zusak – The Book Thief

The story of Liesel Meminger, a young girl in Nazi Germany during WWII, who finds solace in books which she steals from book burnings and a forbidden library.

Bailey – When I See Blue

A boy struggling with OCD, starts at a new school and learns to cope with the help of friendship and understanding.

Barrie – Peter Pan

Explores themes of childhood, growing up and loss through the adventures of Peter, Wendy, John, and Michael.

Morpurgo – War Horse

Set during WWI, this tells the story of a farm horse named Joey who is sold to the British Cavalry and sent to France.



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Earle – Northern Soul

Hilariously agonising account of one teenage boy's disastrous attempts to win the heart of the cool new girl at school.

Lessoré – King of Nothing

Sharp, funny and heartfelt coming-of-age story about reputation, friendship and self-discovery.

Morpurg – Private Peaceful

The story of a young farm boy who took on the nightmare of the trenches in the First World War.

Pullman – His Dark Materials trilogy:

Northern Lights

The Subtle Knife

The Amber Spyglass

Lyra and her animal daemon live half-wild and carefree among the scholars of Jordan College, Oxford. The destiny that has awaited her since birth takes her on a dangerous journey to the frozen North in search of a kidnapped friend. It is a journey that takes her through a series of parallel universes.

Gaiman – The Graveyard Book

Story of a boy who is adopted and raised by the ghosts of a graveyard after his family is murdered by an assassin.

Riordan – Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Zeus's lightning bolt has been stolen and Percy is the prime suspect. He and his friends have just 10 days to find and return it to bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus.

Zephaniah – Windrush Child

The story of a 10-year-old boy who travels from Jamaica to join his father following his struggles to adapt to life in Britain.



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Ellis – The Breadwinner

Parvana's father is arrested and taken away by Taliban soldiers. To save her family from starvation Parvana transforms into a boy.

Khan – Safiyyah's War

Story of a young Muslim girl living in Paris during WWII who becomes involved in a Resistance effort at the Grand Mosque to save Jewish people from Nazi persecution.

Said – Tyger

A dystopian fantasy novel set in an alternate London where slavery was never abolished and the British Empire still exists.

Landy – Skulduggery Pleasant

Dark fantasy novel following the adventures of a teenage girl, Valkyrie Cain, and her mysterious partner, Skulduggery Pleasant, a skeleton detective.

Adams – Watership Down

Adventure novel about a group of wild rabbits who flee their doomed warren to find a new home, facing dangers, forming a new society, and learning leadership and community.

Magorian – Goodnight Mister Tom

When WWII breaks out, young Willie Beech is evacuated to the countryside. A sad deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of kind old Tom Oakley.

Sedgwick – Floodland

A dystopian novel set in a future where rising sea levels have submerged much of England, turning cities into islands.

McCombie – The Mystery of Me

Ketty was seriously injured in a coach crash. She cannot remember why, but hopes, as she returns to school to recover her memory.



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Blackman – Noughts & Crosses

Drawing parallels to Romeo & Juliet, this is a dystopian novel that reverses racial stereotypes. Callum and Persephone are from different worlds. She is a Cross, dark-skinned, wealthy and privileged, he is a Nought.

Mulligan – Trash

Three “dumpside boys” make a living picking through mountains of garbage and one day find something very special and mysterious.