**Top 60 books for reluctant readers at KS3**

**Books for pupils with a reading age below their actual age**

***The Vampire of Croglin (Reloaded)***

By [Terry Deary](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Terry-Deary/e/B001ITTQZW/ref=ntt_athr_dp_pel_1)

[***The Ghost Box***](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/3253/The-Ghost-Box-by-Catherine-Fisher.html)

By [Catherine Fisher](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/1794/Catherine-Fisher.html)

***Diary of an (Un) Teenager***

**By** [**Pete Johnson**](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/919/Pete-Johnson.html)

**Seriously Silly Stories – series**

By Laurence Anholt and Arthur Robins

Including:

* *Shampoozel*
* *Eco-wolf and the Three Pigs*
* *Ghostyshocks and the Three Scares*

***Desirable***

By Frank Cottrell Boyce

[**FYI: Fiction with Stacks of Facts**](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/series/FYI:%20Fiction%20with%20Stacks%20of%20Facts%20S.) **Series**

Various authors

Including:

* *The Doomsday Virus* by Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore
* *The Last Viking* by Terry Deary
* *The Greatest* by Alan Gibbons

**Timepiece series**

By Anne Perry

The first three books are:

* *Tudor Rose*
* *Rose of No Man's Land*
* *Blood Red Rose*

***Deadline***

By John Townsend

# *Ninja: First Mission (Ninja Trilogy)*

By Chris Bradford

**Bridging the gap**

These books are a little more challenging, for those who up to now have been reading specialist titles for struggling readers, are ready to move on, but perhaps lack the confidence or enthusiasm.

***Raven's Gate (Power of Five) Graphic Novel***

By [Anthony Horowitz](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/829/Anthony_Horowitz.html)

# *Bodyguard: Hostage*

By Chris Bradford

***Knightley and Son***

By [Rohan Gavin](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/3591/Rohan_Gavin.html)

**Books for average ability pupils who don’t have the reading habit**

**The Saga of Darren Shan – series**

By Darren Shan

The first three books are:

* *Cirque Du Freak*
* *The Vampire’s Assistant*
* *Tunnels of Blood*

**The Cherub Series**

**By Robert Muchamore**

* *The Recruit*
* *Class A*
* *Maximum Security*

**The Bindi Babes Series**

By Narinder Dharmi

The first three books are:

* *Bindi Babes*
* *Bollywood Babes*
* *Bhangra Babes*

***Socks Are Not Enough***

By Mark Lowery

**The Young Bond Series**

By Charlie Higson

The first three in the series are:

* *Silverfin*
* *Blood Fever*
* *Double or Die*

**The** [**Alex Rider**](http://www.anthonyhorowitz.com/alexrider/)**Series**

By Anthony Horowitz

The first three books are:

* *Stormbreaker*
* *Point Blanc*
* *Skeleton Key*

***Love Ya Babe***

By [Chris Higgins](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/1100/Chris_Higgins.html)

***The Giver Quartet***

By [Lois Lowry](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/2493.Lois_Lowry)

The four books are:

* *The Giver*
* *Gathering Blue*
* *Messenger*
* *Son*

[***Refugee Boy***](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/1328/Refugee-Boy-by-Benjamin-Zephaniah.html)

By [Benjamin Zephaniah](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/1077/Benjamin-Zephaniah.html)

***The Graveyard Book***

By [Neil Gaiman](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1221698.Neil_Gaiman)

[***Set In Stone***](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/1971/Set-In-Stone-by-Linda-Newbery.html)

By [Linda Newbery](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/1146/Linda-Newbery.html)

***Skin Deep***

By Malaika Rose Stanley

***The Garbage King***

By Elizabeth Laird

[***Grass***](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/4409/Grass-by-Cathy-Macphail.html)

By [Cathy Macphail](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/author/1341/Cathy-Macphail.html)

***A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E***

By Malorie Blackman

**Books for pupils whose reading age is above their actual age**

***Never Odd or Even***

By John Townsend

***Paupers***

By Mary Chapman

***Among the Hidden***

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

**The Abhorsen Trilogy**

By Garth Nix

The books in the trilogy are:

* *Sabriel*
* *Lirael*
* *Abhorsen*

***Revolver***

***She is Not Invisible***

By Marcus Sedgwick

***The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn***

By Mark Twain

***Liar and Spy***

By Rebecca Stead

***Call of the Wild***

By Jack London

***A Fall of Moondust***

By Arthur C Clarke

***The Hobbit***

By J.R.R Tolkein

***The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy***

By Douglas Adams