

## GRADE 8 READING SUGGESTIONS

### Adventure/Action

**Adrift** – Paul Griffith

**Boy Nobody** – Alan Zadoff (Unknown Assassin, bk 1)

**Daughter Of The Pirate King** -- Tricia Levenseller (Daughter, bk. 1)

**Don't Turn Around** – Michelle Gagnon (Persefone trilogy, bk. 1)

**Hatchet** – Gary Paulsen (Brian's saga, bk. 1)

**I Am Still Alive** – Kate Alice Marshall

**Peak** – Roland Smith

**The Recruit** – Robert Muchamore (CHERUB, bk. 1)

**Touching Spirit Bear** – Ben Mikaelson

**Stormbreaker** -- Anthony Horowitz (Alex Rider, bk. 1)

### Fantasy

**Book of A Thousand Days** – Shannon Hale

**The Children of Blood and Bone** - Tomi Adeyemi (Legacy of Orisha, bk. 1)

**Eragon** – Christopher Paolini (Inheritance Cycle, bk. 1)

**Even the Darkest Stars** – Heather Fawcett

**The False Prince** – Jennifer Nielsen (The Ascendance trilogy, bk. 1)

**The Golden Compass** – Phillip Pullman (His Dark Materials, bk. 1)

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone** – J. K. Rowling (Harry Potter, bk. 1)

**The Hobbit** – J. R. R. Tolkien

Also try: **The Lord of the Rings** trilogy

**Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children** – Ransome Riggs (Miss Peregrine, bk. 1)

**Ruins of Gorlan** – John Flanagan (The Ranger's Apprentice, bk. 1)

**Sabriel** – Garth Nix (Old Kingdom, bk. 1)

**Scorcery of Thorns** – Margaret Rogerson

**The Scorpio Races** – Maggie Stiefvater

**Shadow & Bone** – Leigh Bardugo (Grisha trilogy, bk. 1)

Also try: **Six of Crows series**

**The Sword of Summer** – Rick Riordan (Magnus Chase, bk. 1)

Also try: **Percy Jackson series**

**The Thief** – Megan Whelan Turner (The Thief, bk. 1)

**Throne of Glass** – Sarah J. Maas (Throne of Glass, bk. 1).

**The Girl of Fire and Thorns** – Rachel Carson (The Girl of Fire and Thorns , bk. 1)

### Historical Fiction

**Boy in the Striped Pajamas** – John Boyne

**Chains** – Laurie Halse Anderson (Seeds trilogy, bk. 1)

Also try:

**Girl in the Blue Coat** – Monica Hesse

**Hamilton and Peggy!: A Revolutionary Friendship** – Laura Elliott

**Hattie Big Sky** – Kirby Larson

Also try: **Hattie Ever After**

**The Hired Girl** - Laura Amy Schlitz  
**The Last Mission** – Harry Mazer  
**The Lovely War** – Julie Berry  
**Refugee** – Alan Gratz  
    Also try: **Projekt 1065** and **Code of Honor**  
**Salt to the Sea** – Ruta Sepetys  
    Also try: **Between Shades of Gray**  
**Woods Runner** – Gary Paulsen

### Mysteries

**And Then There Were None** – Agatha Christie  
**Body in the Woods** – April Henry  
    Also try: **The Girl I Used to Be**  
**Confessions of A Murder Suspect** -- James Patterson (Confessions, bk. 1)  
**Down the Rabbit Hole** – Peter Abrahams (Echo Falls Myster, bk. 1)  
**Greenglass House** – Kate Milford  
**I Am Princess X** – Cherie Priest  
**Skink—No Surrender** – Carl Hiaasen  
**Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer** – John Grisham (Theodore Boone, bk 1)  
**The Westing Game** – Ellen Raskin

### Realistic Fiction

**Dairy Queen** – Catherine Murdock (Dairy Queen, bk. 1)  
**Finding Audrey** – Sophie Kinsella  
**Goodbye Stranger** – Rebecca Stead  
    Also try: **When You Reach Me**  
**Long Way Down** – Jason Reynolds [*Verse Novel*]  
    Also try: **All American Boys** and **Miles Morales: Spider-Man** [*Science Fiction*]  
**Monster** – Walter Dean Myers  
**Oribting Jupiter** – Gary D. Schmidt  
    Also try: **Wednesday Wars** [*Historical Fiction*]  
**The Outsiders** – S. E. Hinton  
**Piecing Me Together** – Renee Watson  
    Also try: **Watch Us Rise**  
**Saint Anything** – Sarah Dessen  
**See You At Harry's** – Jo Knowles  
**Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda** – Becky Albertalli  
    Also try: **What if It's Us**  
**Stargirl** – Jerry Spinelli

### Romance

**From Twinkle With Love** -- Sandhya Menon  
**The Geography of You & Me** – Jennifer E. Smith  
**Love & Gelato** – Jenna Evans Welch  
**Pride** – Ibi Ziboi

**P.S. I Like You** – Kasie West

Also try: **By Your Side**

**The Sun Is Also A Star** – Nicola Yoon

**To All the Boys I've Loved Before** – Jenny Han (To All the Boys, bk. 1)

### Sports Stories

**Ghost** – Jason Reynolds

**Heat** – Mike Lupica

**Runner** – Carl Deuker

Also try: Payback Time and

**Swing** – Alexander Kwame

Also try: **Booked** and **The Crossover**

**Samarai Shortstop** – Alan Gratz

### Science Fiction

**The Angel Experiment** – James Patterson (Maximum Ride, bk. 1)

**Defy the Stars** – Claudia Gray (Constellation Trilogy, bk. 1)

**Ender's Game** – Orson Scott Card

**The Giver** – Lois Lowry

**The Hunger Games** – Suzanne Collins

**Legend** – Marie Lu (Legend, bk. 1)

Also try: **Warcross** (Warcross, bk. 1)

**Matched** – Ally Condie (Matched, bk. 1)

**The Maze Runner** – James Dashner (Maze Runner, bk. 1)

**Renegades** – Marissa Meyer (Renegades, bk. 1)

Also try: **Cinder** (Lunar Chronicles, bk. 1)

**The Selection** – Kiera Cass (Selection, bk. 1)

**Skyward** – Brandon Sanderson

Also try: **Steelheart** (Reckoner's trilogy, bk. 1)

**Scythe** – Neal Shusterman

Also try: **Dry** and **Unwind series**

**The Testing** – Joelle Charbonneau (The Testing, bk. 1)

**Uglies** – Scott Westerfeld (Uglies Quartet, bk. 1)

**A Wrinkle in Time** – Madeline L'Engle

### Nonfiction

**Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl** – Anne Frank

**Apollo 8 : The Mission That Changed Everything** -- Martin W Sandler

**The 57 Bus: A True Storey of Two Teenages and the Crime That Changed Their Lives** – Dashka Slater

**Be Mindful and Stress Less: 50 Ways to Deal with Your (Crazy) Life** – Gina Biegel

**Becoming Kareem: Growing Up On and Off the Court** – Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

**The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club** – Phillip Hoose

**Brown Girl Dreaming** – Jacqueline Woodson

**Chasing Lincoln's Killer** – James Swanson

**Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice** – Phillip Hoose

**Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, A Life in Balance** – Simone Biles  
**Destination Moon : The Remarkable and Improbable Voyage of Apollo 11** -- Richard Maurer  
**Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Life and Work** – Victoria Ortiz  
**Dive! World War II Stories of Sailors & Submarines in the Pacific: The Incredible Story of U.S. Submarines in WWII** – Deborah Hopkinson  
**Fierce: How Competing For Myself Changed Everything** – Aly Raisman  
**Funny, You Don't Look Autistic: A Comedian's Guide To Life On The Spectrum** – Michael McCreary  
**Hidden Figures (Young Reader's Edition)** – Margrot Lee Shetterly  
**I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives** – Caitlin Alifirenka  
**The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life** – Kwame Alexander  
**Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune** – Pamela Turner  
**Soul Surfer: A True Story Of Faith, Family, And Fighting To Get Back On The Board** – Bethany Hamilton  
**Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey From Airman To Castaway To Captive (Young Reader's Ed.)** – Laura Hillenbrand  
**Victoria: Portrait of a Queen** - Catherine Reef  
**Vincent And Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers** – Deborah Heiligman  
**We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler** – Russell Freedman

#### Graphic Novel

**Illegal** – Eoin Colfer  
**Hey, Kiddo** – Jarrett J. Krosoczka  
**The Inquisitor's Tale, Or, The Three Magical Children And Their Holy Dog** – Adam Gidwitz  
**The Lumberjanes: Beware the Kitten Holy** – Noelle Stevenson  
**March** – John Lewis (March trilogy, bk. 1)  
**The Prince and the Dressmaker** – Jen Wang