

Summer Reading List 2022

[A Good Day For Climbing Trees](#)

Author: Jaco Jacobs **Illustrator:** Jim Tierney **Translator:** Kobus Geldenhuys from Afrikaans

Interest age: 11-14

Reading age: 11+



Thirteen-year-old Marnus finds himself at the centre of a protest when he and a girl named Leila camp out in a tree to prevent it from being cut down by developers. This is the perfect feel-good book from one of South Africa's top children's authors.

[What Would She Do?](#)

Author: Kay Woodward

Interest age: 9-14

Reading age: 10+



In this collection of women's stories from across history and the present day, Kay Woodward introduces the reader to 25 heroines from around the world: featuring awe-inspiring artists, scientists and political activists, among others.

[Children of Blood and Bone](#)

Author: Tomi Adeyemi

Interest age: 14-18

Reading age: 10+



Magic has been gone from the world for years, destroyed by a vengeful king. Zolie joins forces with a rebel princess to bring it back and save her people from domination. Adeyemi has created a thrilling rollercoaster ride of a book.

[Moxie](#)

Author: Jennifer Mathieu

Interest age: 14-18

Reading age: 14+



One day, when Viv finds feminist Riot Grrrl zines in her mum's wardrobe, she's inspired to make her own: Moxie. Jennifer Mathieu expertly takes the Riot Grrrl aesthetic and philosophy and translates it into a modern story for teens.

[Long Way Down](#)

Author: Jason Reynolds **Illustrator:** Chris Priestley

Interest age: 12-16

Reading age: 12+



Written in verse, *Long Way Down* is breathtakingly gripping and spectacular. You almost read it without breathing; the action is so tense, the language so powerful. Give it to every teenager you know!

[Blackbird](#)

Author: N D Gomes

Interest age: 12-16

Reading age: 11+



Alex McCarthy has lost her older sister, Olivia: she's gone missing, on New Year's Eve. At the same time, a flock of dead blackbirds fall mysteriously from the sky... This is a gripping mystery, full of brooding melancholy, red herrings and clues.

[The Beast Player](#)

Author: Nahoko Uehashi **Translator:** Cathy Hirano

Interest age: 12-14

Reading age: 12+

Elin's mother has a very special job - caring for the magical Toda protect their kingdom. But when something goes wrong, Elin must flee and discovers an astonishing talent for communicating with creatures. A sophisticated fantasy that will have teen readers gripped.



[Witch Born](#)

Author: Nicholas Bowling **Illustrator:** Erica Williams

Interest age: 12-16

Reading age: 10+

Alyce flees to London, hunted as a witch, but finds herself running into even greater danger. Can she find out who she really is before it is too late? There are some genuinely frightening moments of witchery in this enjoyable work of alternative history.



[Destination: Planet Earth](#)

Author: Jo Nelson **Illustrator:** Tom Clohosy Cole

Interest age: 10-13

Reading age: 10+

This beautifully illustrated introduction to physical geography takes the reader on an adventurous journey around Planet Earth. It's sure to inform and inspire budding geographers, conservationists and explorers.



[Rising Stars: New Young Voices in Poetry](#)

Author: Various **Illustrator:** Riya Chowdhury Elanor Chuah and Joe Manners

Interest age: 10-16

Reading age: 10+

A new collection of poems from five young poets, all aged 26 and under. This selection of exciting and inspiring poems from young talent is guaranteed to get young minds working, and hopefully writing poetry of their own.



[The Extinction Trials](#)

Author: S M Wilson

Interest age: 11-14

Reading age: 10+

In Storm and Lincoln's world, there are two continents... And one is inhabited by vicious, predatory dinosaurs. A tense, brutal fantasy adventure: *The Hunger Games* meets *Jurassic Park*.



[Big Bones](#)

Author: Laura Dockrill

Interest age: 12-16

Reading age: 12+

Big Bones is a truly refreshing read, and Bluebelle is a wonderful, honest and utterly hilarious narrator to fall in love with. This book will make readers think about body image in a whole new way, and about the importance of self-respect.

