



KS3 Geography Reading List

Some suggestions from the Secondary Phase Committee of the Geographical Association

We were asked to collate some reading for KS3 students. Here are some suggestions.

Adventure

'Touching the Void' - Scholastic Version (abridged) - Joe Simpson

'Great Adventurers' - Alastair Humphreys

'The Boy who Cycled the World' - Alastair Humphreys - 3 volumes and very readable - signed copies available from the author

Factual

'Horrible Geography' series of books - Anita Ganeri - look out for cheap deals on the box set

'Shackleton's Journey' - William Grill (also accompanying Activity Book)

Ladybird Expert Series:

'Plate Tectonics' - Iain Stewart

'Shackleton' - Ben Saunders

'Climate Change' - Charles, Prince of Wales

'Evolution' - Steve Jones

'How bad are bananas?' - Mike Berners-Lee

'Solving the Puzzle under the Sea' - Paul Burleigh and Raul Colon - a lovely picture book telling the story of how Marie Tharp mapped the Atlantic and helped uncover the theory of Plate Tectonics

'Our Planet' - accompanies the David Attenborough Netflix Series

'I am Malala' - Malala Yousafzai - also check out her more recent book, which has stories of migrants and is called 'We are displaced' - this is ideal for KS3 pupils and will challenge them

'World without Fish' - Mark Kurlansky - picture book looking at the decline of fish in the oceans, and the reasons why they are disappearing

Activity Books

'Mission:Explore' - The Geography Collective

'Mission:Explore Food' - The Geography Collective

'Mission:Explore National Parks' - The Geography Collective

'Wreck this Journal' - Keri Smith - now available in a colour version as well as black and white

'Ordnance Survey Puzzle Book' - Ordnance Survey

A little more challenging:

'Factfulness' - Hans Rosling

'Prisoners of Geography', 'Worth Dying For' and 'Divided' - Tim Marshall

'Off the Map' - Alastair Bonnett

'The Human Planet' - Simon Lewis and Mark Maslin

'The Almighty Dollar' - Dharshini David

Fiction Books

'Bear Grylls' Adventures - written by Bear Grylls - look out for cheap deals on the box set (The Book People have some)

Part of the Collins 'Read On' series, designed for KS2/3 boys

'The Ice Man' - Alan Parkinson

'Extreme Survival' - Alan Parkinson

'Race to the Pole' - Mike Gould

'The Explorer' - Katherine Rundell - tropical rainforests

'Wolf Wilder' - Katherine Rundell - urban/rural differences and Russian landscapes

'The Carbon Diaries 2015 & 2017' - Saci Lloyd

'Thin Air' - Michelle Paver - a ghost story set in the high mountains - very readable

'Dark Matter' - Michelle Paver - another ghost story set in Svalbard - very atmospheric - read about it here: <https://www.michellepaver.com/ghosts-in-the-arctic/>

'The Little Prince'.

'Northern Lights' trilogy - Philip Pullman (particularly the passages based on Svalbard)

'Gaffer Samson's Luck' - Gill Paton Walsh - Fenland landscapes

Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson

'Refugee Boy' - Benjamin Zephaniah

'Running Wild' - Michael Morpurgo

'Kick' - Mitch Johnson - links to sweatshops and fast fashion and globalisation

For those interested in books for older students, see this list created by the Post-16 committee:

https://www.geography.org.uk/write/MediaUploads/Get%20involved/125_books_for_your_A_level_students_to_read.pdf (PDF download)

Jo Payne has previously created and shared an illustrated list of suggestions here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/16C5TxmPwm4hw1lwFQEpmJVva-1VqRT_/view

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