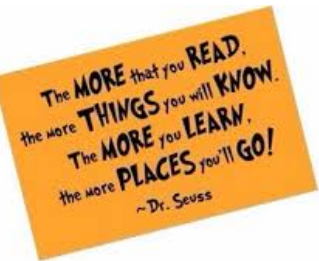


# History



## KS3 recommended reads

Author	Title	Brief synopsis*
Nathan Hale	Treaties, Trenches, Mud and Blood	World War I set the tone for the 20th century and introduced a new type of warfare: global, mechanical, and brutal. Nathan Hale has gathered some of the most fascinating true-life tales from the war and given them his inimitable Hazardous Tales twist.
Ian Stewart	How to Cut a Cake and Other Mathematical Conundrums	Here are twenty more curious puzzles and fantastical mathematical stories from one of the world's most popular and accessible writers on mathematics. This is a strange world of never-ending chess games, empires on the moon, furious fireflies, and, of course, disputes over how best to cut a cake.
Norton Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth	This ingenious fantasy centers around Milo, a bored ten-year-old who comes home to find a large toy tollbooth sitting in his room. Joining forces with a watchdog named Tock, Milo drives through the tollbooth's gates and begins a memorable journey. He meets such characters as the foolish, yet lovable Humbug, the Mathemagician, and the not-so-wicked "Which," Faintly Macabre, who gives Milo the "impossible" mission of returning two princesses to the Kingdom of Wisdom..
Terry Deary and others	Horrible Histories	he bestselling books that tell history like it is - full of awesome upsets and brainless blunders! Including, Victorians, The Egyptians, Terrifying Tudors, Blitzed Brits.
Laurie Halse Anderson	Fever 1793	Sixteen-year-old Mattie is working at her family's Philadelphia coffee shop when she learns that her childhood friend has died of a sudden illness. Soon, more people begin to catch the dreaded yellow fever, which is carried by the mosquitos around the rivers. But Mattie has the luxury of being far away from the diseased waterways and, removed from the danger, can enjoy the increased flow of business into the coffee shop. But eventually this real-life epidemic—which wiped out over 5,000 people, 10% of Philly's population at the time—starts hitting closer and closer to home.

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## KS4 recommended reads



The **MORE** that you **READ**,  
the more **THINGS** you will **KNOW**.  
The **MORE** you **LEARN**,  
the more **PLACES** you'll **GO!**  
-Dr. Seuss

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Markus Zusak	The Book Thief	When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist - books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.
Phillip Hoose	The Boys Who Challenged History	At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed of his nation's leaders, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved with his brother and a handful of schoolmates to take action against the Nazis if the adults would not. Naming their secret club after the fiery British leader, the young patriots in the Churchill Club committed countless acts of sabotage, infuriating the Germans, who eventually had the boys tracked down and arrested. But their efforts were not in vain: the boys' exploits and eventual imprisonment helped spark a full-blown Danish resistance
Yuval Noah Harari	Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind	The book surveys the history of humankind from the evolution of archaic human species in the Stone Age up to the twenty-first century, focusing on Homo sapiens.
E.H Gombrich	A Little History of the World	E. H. Gombrich's bestselling history of the world for young readers tells the story of mankind from the Stone Age to the atomic bomb, focusing not on small detail but on the sweep of human experience, the extent of human achievement, and the depth of its frailty.

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