

## OULUN KAUPUNGIN KIRJALLISUUSDIPLOMI 2024 – OULU CITY READING DIPLOMA SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGLISH BOOKLIST 2024

### English Reading diploma books for secondary school, grades 7-9

Each academic year a total of six (6) books are to be read. **Choose three books from the list of books in Finnish and three books from the list of books in English.** Choose the books so that you read one book from each different category.

You may also read **some other book of your choice that fits one of the categories.** To arrange this, consult your teacher. You may find more English books from the OIS school library. You may also read **additional books** in your own language.

You will also need to discuss the method of completing the task. with your teacher. Example tasks can be found from [Kirjastoreitti & Lukumetka](#) page. Your teacher will give out the diploma exercises at school explaining what your task is.

Once you have completed the reading diploma for each academic year of middle school and read a total of 18 books, you will receive the lower secondary school reading diploma.

#### Classics

Poems, Short Stories and Verse novels

Biographies & Memoirs

Comics & Graphic novels

Teen life

Suspense & Horror

Fantasy

Science Fiction

Love, Friendship & Past times

Non fiction

### Classics:

- Adams, Richard:** Watership Down. Oneworld Modern Classics. (7-8)  
**Brontë, Charlotte:** Jane Eyre. Oxford University Press. (8-9)  
**Christie, Agatha:** And Then There Were None. Harper Collins Publishers. OR any other Agatha Christie novel. (7-9)  
**Golding, William:** Lord Of the Flies. Faber. (7-9)  
**Jansson, Tove:** The Summer Book. Sort of Books. (7-9)  
**Punter, Russell:** The Hound of the Baskervilles (graphic novel). Usborne Publishing. 7-9)  
**Sewell; Anna:** Black Beauty. Puffin classics. (7-8)  
**Stevenson, Robert Louis:** Treasure Island. Oxford University Press (7-9)  
**Tolkien, J.R.R.:** The Hobbit. HarperCollins. (7-9)  
**Verne, Jules:** Journey To the Centre of the earth. Wordsworth Classics. (7-9)

Or any other classic novel.

### Poems, short stories and verse novels:

- Acevedo, Elizabeth:** Clap When You Land. Hot Key Books. (8-9)  
**Alexander, Kwame:** Booked. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. (7-8)  
**Björklund, Irina:** Haikuja ihmiskunnalle = Haikus for Humanity. Viisas elämä. (8-9)  
**Craig, Erin A.:** Together, apart. Delacorte Press. (7-9)  
**Crossan, Sarah:** One (7-9) OR Moonrise. Bloomsbury. (8-9)  
**Fipps, Lisa:** Starfish. Nancy Paulsen Books. (7-9)  
**Jansson, Tove:** Tales from Moominvalley. Square Fish. (7-9)  
**Let It Snow :** Three Holiday Romances. Penguin. (7-8)  
**Levithan, David:** 19 Love Songs. Electric Monkey. (8-9)  
**Paolini, Christopher:** The Fork, the Witch, and the Worm. Penguin Books. (7-9)  
**Proud.** Stories, Poetry and Art on the Theme of Pride. Little Tiger. (7-9)  
**Rowell, Rainbow:** Scattered Showers : stories. Macmillan. (8-9)  
**Shaun, Tan:** Tales from Outer Suburbia. Templar Publishing. (7-9)  
**Wilde, Oscar:** Happy Prince. Wordsworth. (7-9)

### Biographies & memoirs:

Read a biography from this list OR choose one from Finnish booklist.

**Brooks, Ben:** Stories for Boys who dare to be different: true tales of amazing boys who changed the world without killing dragons. Quercus. (99.1) (7-9)

**Ha, Robin:** Almost American girl: an Illustrated memoir (graphic novel).Blazer + Bray. (85.35) (7-9)

**Kobabe, Maia:** Gender queer: a memoir. Lion Forge. (85.35) (8-9)

**Noah, Trevor:** Born a crime : and other stories. John Murray. (99.1) (8-9)

**Qasim, Salaado:** Big dreams: stories about Finns who are changing the world : 20 career stories. Books On Demand. (36.1) (7-9)

**Obama, Michelle:** Becoming OR The light we carry : overcoming in uncertain times Crown. (99.1) (8-9)

**Stallworth, Ron:** Black klansman : race, hate, and the undercover investigation of a lifetime. Flatiron Books. (99.1) (8-9)

**Skaletski, Jeva:** You don't know what war is. Bloomsbury Children's books. (99.139) (7-9)

**Yousafzai, Malala:** I am Malala : the girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban. Phoenix. (99.1) (7-9)

### Comics & Graphic novels:

**Colfer, Eoin:** Global. Hodder. (7-9)

**Folman, Ari:** Where Is Anne Frank. Viking. (7-9)

**Klimowski, Andrzej:** Robert Louis Stevenson's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (OR any other Graphic classics (8-9)

**Louhi, Aino:** Mielikuvitustyttö = Imaginary Girl. Suuri Kurpitsa. (7-9)

**Osertag, Molly:** The Girl From the Sea. Graphix. (7-9)

**Palacio, R. J.:** White Bird : a Wonder Story. Alfred A. Knopf. (8-9)

**Rowell, Rainbow:** Pumpkinheads. Macmillan Children's Books. (7-8)

**Satrapi, Marjane:** Persepolis. Pantheon. (8-9)

**Vaughan, Brian K.:** Paper Girls. Image Comics. (7-9)

### Teen life

- Asher, Jay:** 13 Reasons Why. Razorbill. (7-9)  
**Dassu, A.M.** Fight Back. Scholastic. (7-8)  
**Earle, Phil:** Northern Soul. Barrington Stoke. (7-8)  
**Gordon, Bryony:** Let Down Your Hair. Orion. (8-9)  
**Haddon, Mark:** The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time. Vintage. (8-9)  
**Jean, Emiko:** Tokyo Ever After. Macmillan. (7-9)  
**Kinsella, Sophie:** Finding Audrey. Ember. (7-8)  
**Maskame, Estelle:** Becoming Mila OR any book from the series. Ink Road. (7-9)  
**Mathieu, Jennifer:** Moxie. Roaring Brook Press. (7-8)  
**Nicholls, David:** Sweet Sorrow. Hodder & Stoughton. (7-9)  
**Pla, Sally J.:** The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn. Quill Tree Books. 7-9)  
**Sloan, Holly Goldberg:** I'll Be There. Little, Brown and Company. (7-9)  
**Thomas, Angie:** On the Come Up OR Concrete Rose. Walker Books. (8-9)

### Suspense & Horror:

- Barnes, Jennifer Lynn:** The Inheritance Games. Penguin Books. (8-9)  
**Berry, Julie:** All the Truth That's in Me. Viking. (8-9)  
**Brooks, Nick:** Promise Boys. Henry Holt and Company. (7-9)  
**Gagnon, Michelle:** Don't Turn Around OR any other book from the series. Harper. (7-8)  
**Jackson, Holly:** A Good Girls Guide to Murder or any other Holly Jackson's novel. Electric Monkey. (8-9)  
**Lewis, Kayvion:** Thieves' Gambit (2023 Simon & Schuster) (7-9)  
**McManus, Karen:** Nothing More To Tell OR any other book from the author. Delacorte Press. (8-9)  
**Simukka, Salla:** As Red as Blood OR any other book from the series (8-9)

### Fantasy:

- Adeyemi, Tomi:** Children of Blood and Bone OR any other book from the series. Henry Holt and Company (7-9)

- Alston, B.B.:** Amari and the Night Brothers OR any other book from the series. Balzer + Bray. (7-8)
- Askwith, H. F.:** A Dark Inheritance. Penguin Books. (8-9)
- Clare, Cassandra:** City of Bones OR any other book from the series. Walker Books. (7-9)
- Dabos, Christelle:** Here, and Only Here. Europa editions. (7-9)
- Doyle, Catherine:** Twin Crowns. Electric Monkey. (7-9)
- Garber, Stephanie:** Once Upon a Broken Heart or any other book from the series. Hodder & Stoughton. (7-9)
- Green, Sally:** Half Bad OR any other book from the series. Penguin Books. (8-9)
- Monsef, Kiyash:** Once There Was. Simon & Schuster. (7-9)
- Oh, Axie:** The Girl Who Fell Beneath the Sea. Hodder & Stoughton. (7-9)
- Pratchett, Terry:** Wyrdsisters. Gollancz. (8-9)
- Riordan, Rick:** Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters. Puffin. (7-8)
- Schwab, V.E.:** A Darker Shade of Magic OR any other book from the series. Tor, a Tom Doherty Associates Book (8-9)
- Thomas, Aiden:** Cemetery Boys. Swoon Reads. (8-9)
- Turtschaninoff, Maria:** Maresi: The Red Abbey Chronicles. Pushkin Press. (7-9)

### Science Fiction:

- Adams, Douglas:** Hitch-hiker's Guide to Galaxy. Pan Books. (8-9)
- Bradbury, Ray:** Fahrenheit 451. Simon & Schuster (9)
- Brown, Erik:** All That's Left in the World. Hodder Children's Books. (7-9)
- Gaiman, Neil & Reaves, Michael:** Interworld. HarperCollins Children's Books (7-9)
- Herbert, Frank:** Dune. Gollancz. (7-9)
- Itäranta, Emmi:** Memory of Water. Harper Voyager. (8-9)
- L'Engle, Madeleine:** A Wrinkle in Time. Square Fish. (7-8)
- Lowry, Lois:** The Giver OR any other book from the series. HarperCollins Children's Books. (8-9)
- Paolini, Christopher:** To Sleep in a Sea of Stars. Tor. (7-9)
- Silvera, Adam:** They Both Die at the End OR The First to Die at the End. Simon & Schuster. (7-9)
- Yancey, Rick:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave OR any other from the series. Penguin Books (7-9)

### Love, Friendship & Past Times:

- Almond, David:** A Song for Ella Grey. Delacorte Press. (8-9)
- Bourne, Holly:** It only happens in the movies. Usborne. (7-8)
- Goo, Maurene:** Throwback. Hodder. (7-9)
- Grace, Hannah:** Icebreaker. Simon & Schuster. (8-9)
- Gratz, Alan:** Refugee OR Ground Zero. Scholastic. (7-9)
- Green, John:** Looking for Alaska. Speak. (8-9)
- Han, Jenny:** The Summer I Turned Pretty OR any book from the series. Simon & Schuster. (7-9)
- Liang, Ann:** I hope this doesn't find you. Scholastic (7-9)
- Morris, Heather:** The Tattooist of Auschwitz. Zaffre. (8-9)
- Oseman, Alice:** Solitaire. HarperCollins.
- Rowell, Rainbow:** Eleanor & Park. St. Martin's Griffin (8-9)
- Smith, Jennifer E.:** The statistical probability of love at first sight (7-8)
- Whitehead, Colson:** The Nickel Boys. Fleet. (8-9)
- Woodson, Jacqueline:** Brown Girl Dreaming. Orion. (8-9)
- Yoon, Nicola:** The Sun Is Also a Star. Corgi Books. (7-8)
- Zusak, Markus:** The Book Thief. Definitions. (8-9)

### Nonfiction:

Read any nonfiction book in English or choose one from Finnish booklist.  
Here are some examples:

- Eving, Rhea:** Fine : a Comic About Gender. Liveright Publishing Corporation. (30.12)
- Galfard, Christophe:** The Universe in Your Hand : a Journey Through Space, Time, and Beyond. Flatiron Books. (52.2)
- Gitlin, Martin:** The Hockey Book of Why : and Who, What, When, Where, and How. Lyons Press. (79.37)
- Harari, Yuval Noah:** Unstoppable us. Volume 1, How Humans Took over the World. Puffin. (56.411)
- Klein, Naomi:** How to Change Everything: the Young Human's Guide to Protecting the Planet and Each Other. Penguin Books. (50.1)