



Academic Reading List: English

Year group	Book and author	Blurb
7	<p><i>'365 Fun facts for Catholic Kids'</i> by Bernadette Mc Carver Snyder</p> <p><i>'The World Jesus knew'</i> by Marc Olson</p>	<p>Dip into this book and discover a new idea for each day of the year. Look up today, look up yesterday, look up last week. Look up your birthday, your best friend's birthday, or your unbirthday! But look up! This perfect book for teachers or parents includes fun facts, daffy definitions, and saintly surprises. Includes fun facts, daffy definitions, and saintly surprises for each day of the year</p> <p>Jesus often told stories using everyday objects to help his listeners understand life with God. But for most of us, the deep imagery and meaning behind those objects has been lost to history. This book helps kids discover the world Jesus lived in through maps, charts, graphs, and other infographic elements.</p>
8	<p><i>'The world of the first Christians'</i> by Marc Olson</p> <p><i>'The world of the Old testament'</i> by Marc Olson</p>	<p>Curious Kids' Guides present cool and surprising information about Christian history and beliefs in an entertaining, visually engaging way for kids.</p> <p>Who <i>were</i> the people who lived in the time and place in which these stories were set? How did they work? What did they eat? What were their families and tribes like? How did they fight? What did they believe about God, kings, enemies, and the world around them? And above all, what does any of it have to do with how we read and understand the books that make up the first half of the Bible?</p>
9	<i>'The Boy who harnessed the wind'</i> by William Kankwanba	When William Kamkwamba was just 14 years old, his family told him that he must leave school and come home to work on the farm – they could no longer afford his fees. This is his story of how he found a way to make a difference, how he bought light to his family and village, and hope to his nation.
10	<i>'Are you there God?'</i> by Judy Blame	Life isn't easy for Margaret. She's moved away from her childhood home, she's starting a new school, finding new friends – and she's convinced she's not normal. For a start she hasn't got a clue whether she wants to be Jewish like her father or Christian like her mother. Everyone else seems really sure of who they are. And, worst of all, she's a 'late developer'. She just knows that all her friends are going to need a bra before she does. It's too embarrassing to talk to her parents about these things. So she talks to God instead – and waits for an answer



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	<p><i>'Sophie's World'</i> by Jostein Gaarder</p>	<p>When 14-year-old Sophie encounters a mysterious mentor who introduces her to philosophy, mysteries deepen in her own life. Why does she keep getting postcards addressed to another girl? Who is the other girl? And who, for that matter, is Sophie herself? To solve the riddle, she uses her new knowledge of philosophy, but the truth is far stranger than she could have imagined.</p>
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