

Spalding Grammar School English Department



Year Eight Reading Focus: Extreme Adventures

In this final term of Year 8, you're exploring non-fiction texts – looking at all manner of extreme adventures. You'll be following up this theme in your reading – so prepare yourself for a rollercoaster ride!

Gold challenge: ten of the following

Silver: seven of the following

Bronze: five of the following

Books marked * are more challenging reads.



Edmund Hillary, the first person to climb Mount Everest

Title	Author
<i>Where the World Ends</i>	Geraldine MacCaughrean
<i>The Explorer</i>	Katherine Rundell
<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	Madeleine L'Engle
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	L. Frank Baum
<i>Into Thin Air, Into The Wild</i>	Jon Krakauer
<i>The Thirty-Nine Steps</i>	John Buchan
<i>Around the World in Eighty Days; Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea;</i>	Jules Verne
<i>Journey to the Centre of the Earth*</i>	
<i>A Zoo in my Luggage</i>	Gerald Durrell
<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn; Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain
<i>Swallows and Amazons</i>	Arthur Ransome
<i>Robinson Crusoe*</i>	Daniel Defoe
<i>Gulliver's Travels*</i>	Jonathan Swift
<i>The Life of Pi*</i>	Yann Martel
<i>Moonfleet</i>	J. Meade Falkner
<i>The Jungle Book; Kim</i>	Rudyard Kipling
<i>Touching the Void*</i>	Joe Simpson
<i>438 Days</i>	Jonathan Franklin
<i>The View from the Summit</i>	Sir Edmund Hillary
<i>Through Sand and Snow</i>	Charlie Walker
<i>Walking the Amazon</i>	Ed Stafford
<i>Cold: Extreme Adventures at the Lowest Temperatures on Earth</i>	Ranulph Fiennes
<i>Scott of the Antarctic</i>	David Crane
<i>Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage to the Antarctic</i>	Alfred Lansing
<i>In Xanadu: A Quest</i>	William Dalrymple
<i>Waterlog: A Swimmer's Journey Through Britain</i>	Roger Deakin