

Book recommendations for DaZ pupils (A1/2) – Sekundarstufe 7-9 (ages 12–15)

Title	Author(s) / Publisher	GER level Recommended age Number of pages Format	Genre	Summary
Die junge DaF-Bibliothek - A1/A2 (Book series)	Various authors Cornelsen	Level A1/A2 ages 12 and over Paperback: around 55 pages	German as a Foreign or Second Language (DaF/DaZ)	The series 'Die junge DaF-Bibliothek' (Cornelsen) comprises engaging reading material for young people with German language skills at levels A1 to B1. The stories offer authentic insights into the everyday lives of German-speaking young people and are ideal as a supplement to lessons or for independent reading
Gregs Tagebuch - Von Idioten umzingelt! (Book series)	Jeff Kinney Baumhaus Verlag GmbH	Level A2 ages 10 and over Paperback and audiobook: 224 pages	Children's & Young Adult Books	The bestselling graphic novel for children aged 10 and over – it turns even reluctant readers into book lovers! Greg Heffley has his hands full: at his new school, he quickly realises that everyday school life is full of faux pas. Between embarrassing parents, annoying brothers, his clumsy best friend Rupert and a forbidden stinky cheese, he struggles to survive the everyday madness. Luckily, he can record everything in his diary – exactly as it really was!
Hilfe, Notruf! (Book series: Einfach loslesen!)	Christine Rettl	Level A1 age 12 and over Paperback: 48 pages	Accident, A&E and hospital.	Hakim and Rana are in town with their son Amir. But then Amir runs out in front of a car. The car brakes, but Amir is injured! He has to go to hospital. His parents are very worried. Will Amir make a full recovery?



Meer geht nicht	Oliver Uschmann und Sylvia Witt Gulliver Verlag	Level A1/A2 ages 11 and over Hardback: 143 pages	Adventure novel and road trip story	“You’ve never been to the seaside?” Samuel, Bina and Sharif can’t believe it. Their new friend Kevin hasn’t even been to the North Sea. So the three of them set out on a mission to “take Kevin to the seaside”. Without their parents, of course. They never have time for that sort of thing anyway. And so begins an unforgettable journey for the four friends – complete with mishaps, a sea that isn’t really a sea at all, and plenty of adventure.
Jäger in der Tiefe	Steve Cole Gulliver Verlag	Level A1/A2 ages 11 and over Hardback: 120 pages	Science fiction / Fantasy	Tono lives on Bangka, a real treasure island, because here there is more tin in the ground than anywhere else in the world. Day after day, Tono has to toil away in his uncle’s tin mine and dive for the precious metal. Tono’s only escape is his father’s old comic books. That way, he can immerse himself in the world of superheroes and forget the dreadful mine. If only he had superpowers himself! When Tono one day discovers a shimmering red stone deep on the seabed, he has no idea that it will change his life forever.
Mein geheimnisvolles Ich	Karen McCombie Gulliver Verlag	Level A1/A2 ages 11 and over Hardback: 72 pages	Young adult fiction and a story of friendship	Ketty was dead for 2 minutes and 39 seconds, according to her doctors. Ketty is on the road to recovery. But she can remember neither the accident nor what happened before it. Back at school, everything seems strange to her. Faces, names and places flutter like butterflies in her head, and she can’t quite grasp them. From the very first day, Otis looks after Ketty – she feels at ease with him. Until a memory comes back to her. Suddenly, Ketty no longer knows whether she can trust Otis.



Rico, Oskar und die Tieferschatten	A. Steinhöfel, A. Seiffarth Klett Verlag	Level A1/A2 ages 10 years and over Paperback: 128 pages	Crime novel for children and young adults	Friends Rico and Oskar are as different as night and day: Oskar is highly gifted, likes to play it safe and therefore always wears a helmet. Rico, on the other hand, always has to think a little longer than everyone else. He is 'deeply gifted', he says. When Oskar suddenly disappears, everything points to the kidnapper, Mister 2000. Rico has to summon all his courage to find his friend again. And along the way, he also unravels the mystery of the eerie deep shadows in the rear building.
Böses Foul beim Fußball	Thilo Klett Verlag	Level A1/A2 ages 10 years and over Paperback: 56 pages	Children's literature / Children's books	Ismail isn't very good at German yet, but he's really good at football. However, it isn't easy for him at his new club. Do the other boys like him? Does the coach see how well Ismail can play? Then a wallet goes missing from the changing room and everyone thinks Ismail is the thief.
Mein Sommer mit Mucks	Stefanie Höfler Gulliver Verlag	Level A1/A2 ages 11 and over Paperback: 88 pages	Story of friendship	Zonja loves watching people at the swimming pool. But on this particular day, she rescues Mucks from the water: with his prickly ears, he looks just like an alien. Mucks is the first person in years who could become her friend. But something isn't quite right about him. And it takes the whole of this crazy summer for Zonja to find out what secret Mucks is hiding.
Die Müllmafia (Klara & Theo)	Ernst Klett Sprachen	Level A2 ages 13 and over Print + audio: 40 pages	Crime, environmental scandal, family	Moon's dad is a journalist and doesn't spend nearly enough time with his daughter. But this time he has plenty of time, and together they uncover a scandal that really stinks to high heaven!



Momo	Michael Ende Spaß am Lesen Verlag	Level A2/B1 ages 10 and over Book: 136 pages	Modern fantasy novel	Momo is no ordinary girl. She lives all on her own, without parents. Her home is an old, dilapidated theatre. Momo can do something that most others cannot: really listen. That is why everyone holds her in such high regard. But then everything changes. The Grey Men are stealing people's time. Her friends no longer visit. Will Momo manage to defeat the Grey Men?
Der Salto und andere Geschichten	Leonhard Thoma Hueber Verlag	Level A1/A2 age 11 and over Paperback + CD: 28 pages	Short stories	Fifteen-year-old Marvin spots a girl at the swimming pool he fancies. But how is he supposed to catch her attention? Just walking up to her is a bit silly. Luckily, Marvin is a sporty lad and is sure to impress her with a super-cool somersault from the three-metre platform ... Ten cheerful, surprising, moving and thought-provoking short stories.
Tschick - in Einfacher Sprache	Wolfgang Herrndorf / Spaß am Lesen Verlag	Level A2/B1 age 14 and over Paperback: 64 pages	Road trip, friendship, rebellion	Maik and Tschick come from two different worlds: Maik lives in a villa with a swimming pool. Tschick comes from Russia and is poor. But the two 14-year-olds have something in common: they're outsiders at their school. One day, Tschick turns up at Maik's with a stolen car and the two decide to run away. An adventurous journey begins to the east of Germany, in search of Wallachia...
Das Fussballturnier (leicht & klasse)	Ernst Klett Sprachen	Level A1/A2 ages 11 and over Print + Web: 56 pages	Team sport, competition, bad luck with injuries	In her spare time, Kim plays football for FC22. She's very good and always scores lots of goals. But Kim gets injured at the football tournament in Weimar. Can FC22 win the tournament even without Kim?



Berlin Biker (super lesbar)	Deniz Selek / Beltz Gulliver	Level A2 ages 13 and over Hardcover: 109 pages	BMX riding, multiculturalism , the city	Ferri has discovered a passion for cycling. He practises his tricks every spare moment he gets. He'd rather be outdoors than cooped up in the cramped flat with his Kurdish family. One day, Ferri helps a hooded cyclist escape from the police. Shortly afterwards, it becomes clear: the stranger is a girl. Lu. A German-Turkish girl. Damn pretty and damn direct. She turns Ferri's world upside down and sets everything spinning.
Timo darf nicht sterben!	Charlotte Habersack / Hueber Lektüren	Level A2 ages 13 and over Print + Audio: 48 pages	Survival, mountains, danger, the Alps	'For experienced mountaineers only,' says the hiking guide to the Zugspitze. And: 'The route can be very dangerous in bad weather.' Timo doesn't read hiking guides. The 17-year-old is in the mountains for the first time and wants to climb Germany's highest mountain all on his own, in uncertain weather and wearing unsuitable clothing. Andreas, who is the same age and an experienced mountaineer, warned him. But Timo wouldn't listen. And so his ego trip turns into a race against death.

