

Recommended Reading



Year 5 and 6

Recommended Crackingly Good Reads

Traditional Tales - Legends

Sir Galwain and the Loathly Lady - Selina Hastings
Don Quixote - Marcia Williams
Arthur: The Seeing Stone, Kevin Crossley-Holland
Beowulf - K. Crossley-Holland
The Story of Robin Hood - R. Leeson
Arthur, High King of Britain - Michael Morpurgo
The Tale of Tales - Tony Mitton
Myths and Legends - Anthony Horowitz
Arion and the Dolphin - Vikram Seth
Just So Stories - Rudyard Kipling

Suspense and Mystery

Snow horse and other stories - Joan Aiken
Snaggletooth's mystery - Gene Kemp
Shock forest and other stories - Margaret Mahy
Room 13 - Robert Swindells
The London Eye Mystery - Siobhan Dowd
No Such Thing as Dragons - Written and illustrated by Philip Reeve
Flood Child - Written by Emily Diamand

Fiction from our Literary Heritage

Narnia Stories - CS Lewis
Harry Potter series - JK Rowling
Billy the Kid - Michael Morpurgo
Why the Whales Came - Michael Morpurgo
Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens
Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo
A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens
Stig of the Dump - Clive King
Snow Spider - Jenny Nimmo
Macbeth for Kids, Louis Burdett
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase - Joan Aiken
Peter Pan - J. M. Barrie
A Christmas Carol (Eyewitness classics) - Charles Dickens
The Hound of the Baskervilles - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (adapted by Chris Mould)
The Wind in the Willows - Kenneth Grahame
The Jungle Book - Rudyard Kipling
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll
Mary Poppins - P.L. Travers
Stories from Dickens (ed Blishen)
Stories from Shakespeare (ed. Geraldine McCaughrean)
Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce

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Fiction Genres

Fantasy

Skellig - David Almond
The Various - Steve Augarde
Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer
The Bag of Bones - Vivian French
Inkheart trilogy - Cornelia Funke
Coraline - Neil Gaiman
The Weirdestone of Brisingamen - Alan Garner
Pure Dead Magic - Debi Gliori
Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver
Truckers - Terry Pratchett
The Spiderwick Chronicles - Lynne Reid Banks
Goblins series - Philip Reeve
Wonderstruck - Brian Selznick
The Amulet of Samarkand - Jonathon Stroud
The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkien
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making - Catherynne M. Valente
Tanglewreck - Jeanette Winterson

Science Fiction

Supernaturalist - Eoin Colfer
Grinny: Grinny and You Remember Me - Nicholas Fisk
Among the Hidden - Margaret Peterson Haddix
Double Identity - Margaret Peterson Haddix
Maphead - Lesley Howarth
The Giver - Lois Lowry
Other Worlds: 10 Amazing Sci Fi Stories - Rick Riordan ed.
Timesnatch - Robert Swindells
Hydra - Robert Swindells

Chilling Stories

The Graveyard Book - Neil Gaiman
Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror - Chris Priestley
Horowitz Horror - Anthony Horowitz
Breathe - Cliff McNish
At the Firefly Gate - Linda Newberry
Chill - Alex Nye
Tales from the Tunnel's Mouth - Chris Priestley
Tales of Terror From the Black Ship - Chris Priestley
Marianne Dreams - Catherine Storr

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Real Life

Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman (science/ethics)
Tangerine - Edward Bloor (blindness)
The Eighteenth Emergency - Betsy Byars (bullying)
The 10PM Question - Kate De Gold (worry/anxiety)
Running on Cracks - Julia Donaldson (running from home - mature themes)
Step By Wicked Step - Anne Fine (step parenting)
Dead End in Norvelt - Jack Gantos (boredom, friendship)
Love, Aubrey - Suzanne LaFleur (family)
Hangman - Julia Jarman (bullying)
The View from Saturday - E.L. Konisburg (friendship)
The Other Side of Truth - Bevery Naidoo (refugee)

Adventure

Noah Barleywater Runs Away - John Boyne
Ruby Holler - Sharon Creech
Danny: the champion of the world - Roald Dahl
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo
Stormbreaker - Anthony Horowitz
The Devil and his Boy - Anthony Horowitz
Journey to the River Sea - Eva Ibbotson
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler - E. L. Konigsburg
Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood - Tony Lee
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe - Penelope Lively
Mortal Engines - Phillip Reeves
Varjak Paw - S. F. Said
The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick
Wonderstruck - Brian Selznick

War

Warboy - Michael Foreman
Once/Now/Then/After - Morris Gleitzman
Goodnight, Mr Tom - Michelle Magorian
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo
At the Firefly Gate - Linda Newberry
Johnny and the bomb - Terry Pratchett
My Friend the Enemy - Dan Smith
The Machine Gunners - Robert Westall
Carrie's War - Nina Bawden
Doodlebug Summer - Alison Price
Soldier Dog - Sam Angus

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Mysteries

Chasing Vermeer - Blue Bailliett
The Crossroads - Chris Grabenstein
Silver Fin - Charlie Higson
The Case of the London Dragonfish - Joan Lennon
The Sign of the Black Dagger - Joan Lingard
Magnus Finn and the Selkie Secret - Janis Mackay
Out of the Depths - Cathy MacPhail
Flood and Fang - Marcus Sedgwick

Humour

How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell
How to speak dragonese - Cressida Cowell
The Meanwhile Adventures - Roddy Doyle
Boom! - Mark Haddon
Ribblestrop - Andy Mulligan

Goblins series - Philip Reeve
Holes - Louis Sachar
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - Louis Sachar
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat - Dave Shelton
Gangsta Granny - David Walliams
Ratburger - David Walliams

Animals

The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars
The Tale of Despereaux - Kate DiCamillo
Charlotte's Web - E.B. White
Flush - Carl Hiaasen
One Boy and His Dog - Eva Ibbotson
A Coyote in the House - Elmore Leonard
The Call of the Wild - Jack London
Going Home - Cliff McNish
Why the Whales Came - Michael Morpurgo
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips - Michael Morpurgo
War Horse - Michael Morpurgo
Catscape - Mike Nicholson
Wolf Brother - Michelle Paver
The Outlaw Varjack Paw - S.F. Said
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell