



We are often asked to recommend books that are popular with children and have good literary content. Here are some suggestions, but we would welcome your views and any others that you think should be added to the list.

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Aesop	Fables
Allan Ahlberg	* The Giant Baby * Woof!
Allan & Janet Ahlberg	The Clothes Horse and Other Stories
Joan Aiken	* A Necklace of Raindrops * Fog Hounds, Wind Cat, Sea Mice
Nicholas Allan	Stories from Hilltop Hospital
Jonathan Allen	Fowl Play
Laurence Anholt	* Daft Jack and the Bean Stack * Shampooozel * The Emperor's Underwear
Phyllis Arkle	The Railway Cat
Chris Ashley	Wasim in the Deep End
Richard & Florence Atwater	Mr Popper's Penguins
Jeannie Baker	Where the Forest Meets the Sea
Nina Bawden	Keeping Henry
Terence Blacker	Ms Wiz Series
Malorie Blackman	Whizziwig
Quentin Blake	Mrs Armitage and the Big Wave
Judy Blume	* Freckle Juice * Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Enid Blyton	* Island of Adventure * Malory Towers * St Clare's Series * The Famous Five * The Magic Faraway Tree
Michael Bond	A Bear called Paddington
Tony Bradman	Sam the Girl Detective
Henrietta Branford	* Dimarche Diller Series * Spacebaby
Jeff Brown	Flat Stanley
Marc Brown	Arthur Baby-Sits
Anthony Browne	* Changes * Zoo * Gorilla
Melvin Burgess	The Earth Giant

Betsy Byars	The Midnight Fox
Ann Cameron	The Julian Stories
Humphrey Carpenter	Mr Majeika
Ann & Reg Cartwright	The Winter Hedgehog
Lauren Child	* Clarice Bean That's Me * Utterly Me, Clarice Bean
Beverley Cleary	Ramona Series
Sharon Creech	Love that Dog
Helen Cresswell	The Sea Piper
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Storm
Jennifer Curry	Hands Off Our Hens
Roald Dahl	*Fantastic Mr Fox * The Magic Finger
Niki Daly	Jamela's Dress
Colin Dann	Animals of Farthing Wood series
Paula Danziger	The Cat Ate My Gymsuit
Meindert De Jong	Hurry Home Candy
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry	The Little Prince
Berlie Doherty	Willa and Old Miss Annie
Helen Dunmore	Amina's Blanket
Dorothy Edwards	My Naughty Little Sister Stories
Jan Fearnley	Mr Wolf's Pancakes
Anne Fine	How to Write Really Badly
Louise Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy
Michael Foreman	* Grandfather's Pencil and the Room of Stories * Jack's Fantastic Voyage
Sarah Garland	Tex the Cowboy
Paul Geraghty	Solo
Adele Geras	My Grandmother's Stories
Mike Gibbie	Small Brown Dog's Bad Remembering Day
Rumer Godden	The Story of Holly and Ivy
Nigel Gray	Running Away From Home
Mairi Hedderwick	Katie Morag and the Wedding
Stuart Henson	Who Can Tell? (with Wayne Anderson)
Nigel Hinton	Beaver Towers
Mary Hooper	* Spook Summer * The Great Twin Trick
Anthony Horowitz	The Falcon's Malteser
Harry Horse	The Last Cowboys
Ted Hughes	* How the Whale Became * The Iron Man
Norman Hunter	* Incrediblania stories * Professor Branestawm
Tove Jansson	The Moomins
Paul Jennings	The Cabbage Patch Fib

Terry Jones	Fantastic Stories
Ann Jungman	Vlad the Drac
Gene Kemp	Dog's Journey
Dick King-Smith	* Dragon Boy * The Golden Goose * The Hodgeheg * The Sheep-Pig
Jenny Koralek	The Boy and the Cloth of Dreams
Roger Lancelyn Green	* Myths of the Norsemen * King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table
Joyce Lankster	Milly Molly Mandy series
Michael Lawrence	Jiggy McCue series
Robert Leeson	The Dog who changed the World
Rob Lewis	Lazy Daisy
Astrid Lindgren	Pippi Longstocking
Jonathan Long	* The Cat that Scratched (with Korky Paul) * The Wonky Donkey
Margaret Mahy	* The Great Piratical Rumbustification and the Librarian and the Robbers * Tingleberries, Tuckertubs and Telephones
Jan Mark	Long Lost
André Maurois	Fattypuffs and Thinifers
Kara May	Cat's Witch
William Mayne	Lady Muck
Sam McBratney	Jimmy Zest
Alexander McCall Smith	The Perfect Hamburger
Roger McGough	The Great Smile Robbery
Hilary McKay	The Treasure in the Garden!
David McKee	Charlotte's Piggy Bank
Colin McNaughton	Have You Seen Who's Just Moved in Next Door to Us?
Ursula Moray Williams	The Adventure of the Little Wooden Horse
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch
Magdalen Nabb	The Enchanted Horse
Linda Newberry	* Whistling Jack * Ice Cat
Jenny Nimmo	The Owl Tree
Robert O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Hiawyn Oram	Little Brother and the Cough
Florence Parry Heide	The Shrinking of Treehorn
Phillippa Pearce	* A Dog So Small * The Battle of Bubble and Squeak
K M Peyton	The Pony that Went to Sea
Ann Pilling	Henry's Leg
Alf Proysen	Mrs Pepperpot
Gwynedd Rae	Mary Plain series

Mary Rayner	The Small Good Wolf
Shoo Rayner	Dark Claw Series
Lynne Reid Banks	* Harry the Poisonous Centipede * I Houdini
Thomas Rockwell	How to Eat Fried Worms
Mary Rodgers	Freaky Friday
Jon Scieszka	The Stinky Cheeseman and other Fairly Stupid Tales
Martina Selway	Wish You Were Here
Catherine Storr	Clever Polly and the Stupid Wolf
Jeremy Strong	* Krazy Kow Saves the World – Well Almost * My Mum’s Going to Explode! * The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog
Rosemart Sutcliffe	The High Deeds of Finn McCool
Robert Swindells	* Dracula’s Castle * Ice Palace
Ruth Thomas	The Class That Went Wild
Colin Thompson	Attila the Bluebottle
Jill Tomlinson	The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark
Jean Ure	* Becky Bananas * Daisy May
Alison Uttley	Sam Pig
Nina Warner Hooke	The Snow Kitten
Robert Westall	* Blitz * The Christmas Cat
Ian Whybrow	Little Wolf series
Marcia Williams	No Worries!
Sophy Williams	Nana’s Garden
Bob Wilson	Bing, Bang, Boogie, It’s a Boy Scent