



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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Allan Ahlberg	The Better Brown Stories
Joan Aiken	* A Handful of Gold * The Winter Sleepwalker
Vivien Alcock	The Face at the Window
Philip Ardagh	The Eddie Dickens Trilogy
Phyllis Arkle	Magic at Midnight
Nina Bawden	* Granny the Pag * The Finding
Floella Benjamin	Coming To England
Quentin Blake	The Green Ship
Judy Blume	* Superfudge * Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Tony Bradman	Football Fever Ed
Theresa Breslin	Kezzie
Betsy Byars	The Eighteenth Emergency
Aidan Chambers	Seal Secret
Simon Cheshire	Jeremy Brown of the Secret Service
Babette Cole	* Drop Dead * Two of Everything
Dutch Cooper	Josie, illustrated by Jan Jutte, translated by Patricia Crampton
William Corlett	* The Bridge in the Clouds * The Magician's House Quartet: * The Tunnel Behind the Waterfall
Bruce Coville	The Magic Shop Series
Sharon Creech	Ruby Holler
Helen Cresswell	* Lizzie Dripping * The Piemakers
Gillian Cross	* Rent-A-Genius * The Demon Headmaster * The Roman Beanfeast
Chris d'Lacey	The Salt Pirates of Skegness
Roald Dahl	* James and the Giant Peach * Matilda
Lucy Daniels	Animal Ark Series
Colin Dann	The Farthing Wood Series

Andrew Davies	Conrad's War
Cecil Day Lewis	The Otterbury Incident
Terrance Dicks	The Pyramid Incident
Berlie Doherty	* Berlie, Willa and Old Miss Anna * The Golden Bird
Steve Donald	Orson Cart Saves Time
Edward Eager	Half Magic Series
Stephen Elboz	A Handful of Magic
Elizabeth Enright	The Saturdays
Anne Fine	* The Angel of Nitshill Road * Bill's New Frock * Charm School * Jennifer's Diary * The Granny Project
Catherine Fisher	The Snow-Walker's Son
Louise Fitzhugh	Harriet the Spy
Michael Foreman	War Game
Jane Gardam	Kit Stories
Leon Garfield	The Apprentices
Adèle Geras	* The Fabulous Fantova Files * Little Swan Ballet Books
Rumer Godden	* The Diddakoi * The Doll's House
Willis Hall	* The Last Vampire * The Vampire Series:
Julia Harman	Ghost Writer
Libby Hathorn	Way Home
Diana Hendry	Harvey Angell
Nigel Hinton	* Beaver Towers * The Finders
Dorothy Horgan	Charlie's Eye
Anthony Horowitz	Groosham Grange
Shirley Hughes	* Chips and Jessie * Enchantment in the Garden
Ted Hughes	* Tales of the Early World * The Dream Fighter and Other Creation Tales * The Iron Man
Brian Jacques	Redware Series
Julia Jarman	The Time-Travelling Cat
Pete Johnson	How to Train your Parents
Terry Jones	* Fairy Tales * The Saga of Erik the Viking
Erich Kastner	Emil and the Detectives

Gene Kemp	* The Clock Tower Ghost * The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler * Tamworth Pig
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Clive King	Stig of the Dump
Dick King-Smith	* Chewing the Cud *The Crowstarver * The Hodgeheg * Dodo are Forever * Dragon Boy * Saddlebottom *The Invisible Dog * The Merrythought * The Swoose * The Toby Man
Tessa Krailing	* Miranda and Friends *Only Miranda
Caroline Lawrence	The Thieves of Ostia
Robert Leeson	Tom's Private War
Eric Linklater	The Wind on the Moon
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Sam Llewellyn	Pig in the middle
Arnold Lobel	Frog and Toad are Friends
Hugh Lofting	Doctor Dolittle
Jonathan Long	The Dog That Dug (with Paul Korky)
John Loveday	Goodbye Buffalo Sky
Margaret Mahy	* The Chewing Gum Rescue * The Five Sisters * The Great Piratical Rumbustification
Jan Mark	The Dead Letter Box
Simon Mason	The Quigleys
Virginia Mayo	Remembering, The Story of a Soldier
Amanda McCardie	The Frog Ballet
Geraldine McCaughrean	The Wooden Horse
Roger McGough	The Magic Fountain
Livi Michael	Frank and the Black Hamster of Narkiz
Barbara Mitchell	Eric and the Striped Horror
Ursula Moray Williams	Gubbolino the Witch's Cat
Beverley Naidoo	No Turning Back
Jenny Nimmo	Seth and the Strangers
Andrew Norriss	Aquila
Philippa Pearce	Mrs Cockle's Cat
Jack Perry	I Jack
Ann Pilling	Mother's Daily Scream
François Place	The Last Giants

Philip Pullman	* Clockwork, illustrated by Peter Bailey * I was a Rat! * New Cut Gang series
Lynne Reid Banks	* Angela and Diabola, illustrated by Klaas Verplancke * Indian in the Cupboard
Mary Rodgers	Freaky Friday
S F Said	Varjak Paw
Posy Simmonds	Fred
Francesca Simon	Horrid Henry
Lemony Snicket	A Series of Unfortunate Events
Johanna Spyri	Heidi
R L Stine	Goosebumps Series
Jeremy Strong	* Fatbag the Demon Vacuum Cleaner * There's A Viking in My Bed
Robert Swindells	Ice Palace
Ruth Symes	The Mum Trap
Dylan Thomas	A Child's Christmas In Wales
Ruth Thomas	Hideaway
Colin Thompson	* How to Live Forever * Looking for Atlantis * The Paperbag Prince * The Tower to the Sun
Theresa Tomlinson	Little Stowaway (with Jane Browne)
P L Travers	Mary Poppins Series
Ann Turnbull	Pigeon Summer
Kaye Umansky	Pongwiffy
Ellen Weiss	The Animal Rescue Squad (with Mel Friedman)
Robert Wetsall	The Creature in the Dark
Marcia Williams	Mr William Shakespeare's Plays
Margery Williams	The Velveteen Rabbit
Jacqueline Wilson	* Double Act * Take A Good Look * The Lottie Project * The Suitcase Kid * Video Rose