



Year 5 Reading List

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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Janet & Allen Ahlberg	The Bear Nobody Wanted
Joan Aiken	* Go Saddle the Sea *The Wolves of Willoughby Chase
Neil Arksey	MacB
Bernard Ashley	* Break in the Sun * Johnnie's Blitz
Steve Barlow	Goodknyght! (with Steve Skidmore)
Nina Bawden	Granny the Pag
James Berry	* A Thief in the Village * The Future-Telling Lady
Terence Blacker	The Transfer
Martin Booth	War Dog
Anthony Browne	King Kong
Melvin Burgess	* The Ghost behind the Wall * The Earth Giant
Juliet Sharman Burke	Stories From the Stars
Sheila Burnford	The Incredible Journey
Betsy Byars	* The Eighteenth Emergency * Eighteenth Emergency * Midnight Fox * The Cartoonist * The Midnight Fox
Aidan Chambers	Seal Secret
PJ Lynch & Hans Christian Andersen	The Snow Queen
Andrew Clements	Frindle
Eoin Colfer	* Artemis Fowl * Benny and Omar * The Wish List
Marita Conlon-McKenna	* Under the Hawthorn Tree * Wildflower Girl
Susan Cooper	* King of Shadows * The Boggart * Over Sea, Under Stone * The Dark is Rising Sequence
W J Corbett	The song of Pentecost

Helen Cresswell	* The Bagthorpe Saga * Moondial
Gillian Cross	* New World *The Demon Headmaster * The Great Elephant Chase
Roald Dahl	* Danny, Champion of the World * The BFG
Lavinia Derwent	Sula
Anita Desai	The Village by the Sea
Kate Di Camillo	Because of Winn-Dixie
Diane Duane	Young Wizards Series
Monica Edwards	Punchbowl Farm Stories
Patricia Elliott	The Ice Boy
Michael Ende	Momo
Penelope Farmer	Charlotte Sometimes
Josephine Feeney	My Family and Other Natural Disasters
Anne Fine	* Flour Babies * Goggle-Eyes * Step By Wicked Step * The Chicken Gave It to Me * The Haunting of Pip Parker
Curdella Forbes	Flying with Icarus
Cornelia Funke	The Thief Lord
Leon Garfield	* Smith * The God beneath the Sea (with Edward Blishen) * The Stolen Watch
Alan Garner	The Stone Book Quartet
Eve Garnett	The Family from One End Street
Morris Gleitzman	* Boy Overboard * The Other Facts of Life
Rumer Goden	The Diddakoi
Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows
Grace Hallworth	Mouth Open, Story Jump Out
Salina Hastings	Sir Gwain and the Green Knight
Russell Hoban	Dinner at Alberta's
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Michael Hoeye	Time Stops for No Mouse
Anthony Horowitz	Stormbreaker
Lesley Howarth	Maphead
Ted Hughes	* How the Whale Became * The Iron Man * The Iron Woman
Pat Hutchins	* Follow That Bus * The Curse of the Egyptian Mummy
Eva Ibbotson	The secret of Platform 13

Roberto Innocenti	Rose Blanche
Madhur Jaffrey	Seasons of Splendour
Tove Jansson	Finn Family Moomintroll
Susan Jeffers	Brother Eagle, Sister Sky
Mark Jefferson	Hurricane Hamish, the Calypso Cricketer
Terry Jones	* The Knight and the Squire * Erik the Viking * Fairy Tales
Norton Juster	The Phantom Tollbooth
M M Kaye	The Ordinary Princess
Carolyn Keene	Nancy Drew Files
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Dick King-Smith	* Godhanger * Lady Daisy
Rudyard Kipling	Just So Stories
Madeleine L'Engle	A Wrinkle In Time
Andrew Lang	Tales of Troy and Greece
Ursula Le Guin	The Earthsea Quartet
Sian Lewis	Project Kite
Penelope Lively	* A Stitch in Time * The Revenge of Samuel Stokes * A House Inside Out
Lois Lowry	Anastasia Krupnik
Margaret Mahy	* The Greatest Show Off Earth * The Pirates' Mixed-Up Voyage
Jan Mark	* Nothing to be Afraid of * The Lady with Iron Bones * Thunder and Lightnings * The Eclipse of the Century
James Vance Marshall	Walkabout
William Mayne	* A Grass Rope * A Swarm in May
Geraldine McCaughrean	* Gold Dust * Plundering Paradise * A Little Lower Than the Angels
Hilary McKay	* Saffy's Angel * The Exiles
Robin McKinley	Beauty
Michael Molloy	The Witch Trade
Michael Morpurgo	* The War of Jenkins' Ear * War Horse * Arthur High King of Britain * The Wreck of the Zanzibar * Why the Whales Came
Terry Nation	Rebecca's World

Jenny Nimmo	Midnight for Charlie Bone
Mary Norton	* Bedknob and Broomstick * The Borrowers
Robert C O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Katherine Paterson	* Bridge To Terabithia * The Great Gilly Hopkins
Jill Paton Walsh	Gaffer Samson's Luck
Tamora Pierce	The Song of the Lioness Series
Ann Piling	Mother's Daily Scream
Terry Pratchett	* The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents * The Johnny Maxwell Trilogy * Truckers
Philip Pullman	* Clockwork or All Wound up * The Firework Makers Daughter * The Ruby in the Smoke * The Wonderful Story of Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp
Lynne Reid Banks	* The Farthest-Away Mountain * The Indian in the Cupboard
Philip Ridley	Dakota of the White Flats
Michael Rosen	South and North, East and West
J.K. Rowling	Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
Jacqueline Roy	A Daughter Like Me
Louis Sachar	* The Boy who Lost his Face * There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom
George Selden	A Cricket in Times Square
Ian Serrailier	The Silver Sword
Anna Sewell	Black Beauty
Jerry Spinelli	Loser
Russell Stannard	The Time and Space of Uncle Albert
Catherine Storr	Marianne Dreams
Noel Streatfield	Ballet Shoes
Rosemary Sutcliff	* Beowulf: Dragonslayer * Black Ships before Troy
Robert Swindells	Voyage to Valhalla
Alan Temperley	Harry and the Wrinklies
Geoffrey Trease	Cue For Treason
Ann Turnbull	Pigeon Summer
Alison Uttley	A Traveller in Time
A Rutgers van der Loeff	Children on the Oregon Trail
Sylvia Waugh	The Mennymys
Robert Westall	* Blitz Cat * Kingdom by the Sea
Oscar Wilde	Stories for Children
Jacqueline Wilson	* Double Act * The Bed and Breakfast Star

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* The Illustrated Mum* The Story of Tracy Beaker
Bob Wilson	Stanley Bagshaw and the Twenty-two Ton Whale
Diana Wynne Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* A Tale of Time City* Dogsboddy* The Worlds of Chrestomanci