

Year 6 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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Richard Adams	Watership Down
Joan Aiken	The James III Sequence
David Almond	* Skellig * Kit's Wilderness
Neil Arksey	Playing on the Edge
Linda Aronson	Kelp
Bernard Ashley	* Little Soldier * Rapid
Sherry Ashworth	What's Your Problem?
Joyce Annette Barnes	Amistad Junior Novelization
Joan Bauer	Squashed
Nina Bawden	* Carrie's War * The Outside Child * The Real Plato Jones
Leslie Beake	Song of Be
Malorie Blackman	Hacker
Thomas Bloor	The Memory Prisoner
Judy Blume	Are you there God? It's Me, Margaret
Martin Booth	Music on the Bamboo Radio
Tim Bowler	* River Boy * Midget
Elinor M Brent-Dyer	The Chalet School Series
Melvin Burgess	* Billy Elliot * Junk * The Baby and Fly Pie
Betsy Byars	* The Pinballs * Cracker Jackson * The Summer of the Swans
Peter Carey	The Big Bazoohley
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventure in Wonderland
G K Chesterton	The Puffin Father Brown Stories
Agatha Christie	And then there were none
John Christopher	The Guardians
Ann Coburn	Worm Songs
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

Susan Cooper	* The Dark is Rising Sequence * The Boggart
Yvonne Coppard	Bully
Sharon Creech	* The Wanderer * Walk Two Moons * Chasing Redbird
Helen Cresswell	Moondial
Gillian Cross	Wolf
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Beowulf
Annie Dalton	Angels Unlimited
Nicola Davies	Tangled Webs
Daniel Defoe	Robinson Crusoe
Anita Desai	The Village By The Sea
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
Berlie Doherty	* Granny was a Buffer Girl * A Parcel of Patterns * Children of Winter
Gerald Durrell	My Favourite Animal Stories
T S Eliot	Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
Deborah Ellis	The Breadwinner
Anne Fine	* Up on Cloud Nine * The Tulip Touch
Catherine Fisher	* The Empty Hand * The Snow-Walker Sequence
Nicholas Fisk	* A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair * Grinny * Trillions
Paul Gallico	* Jennie * The Snow Goose
Leon Garfield	* Black Jack * The December Rose
Jean Craighead George	* Julie and the Wolves * My Side of the Mountain
Adèle Geras	A Candle in the Dark
Rosa Guy	The Friends
Cynthia Harnett	The Wool-Pack
Libby Hathorn	Way Home
Esther Hautzig	The Endless Steppe
Nat Hentoff	The Day They Came To Arrest the Book
Odo Hirsch	Antonio S and the Mystery of Theodore Guzman
Anne Holm	I am David
Polly Horvath	Everything on a Waffle
Janni Howker	* Badge on the Barge * Martin Farrell
Norman Hunter	The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawn

Brian Jacques	The Redwall Series
Robin Jarvis	* The Deptford Mice Trilogy * The Whitby Witches
Catherine Jinks	Eye to Eye
Reinhardt Jung	Dreaming in Black & White, translated by Anthea Bell
Erich Kastner	Emil and the Detectives
Elizabeth Kay	The Divide
Gene Kemp	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler
Dick King-Smith	The Crowstarver
Madeline L'Engle	A Wrinkle in Time
Elizabeth Laird	* Secret Friends * Kiss the Dust
Charles & Mary Lamb	Tales From Skakespeare
C.S. Lewis	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
Joan Lingard	The Guilty Party
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Michelle Magorian	* Back Home * Goodnight Mr Tom
Margaret Mahy	* The Ghost of Thomas Kemp * The Haunting
John Masefield	The Box of Delights
William Mayne	Cuddy
Geraldine McCaughrean	Gold Dust
Karen McCombie	Allys World: The Past, the Present and the Loud Loud Girl
Ian McEwan	The Daydreamer
L M Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables
Michael Morpurgo	* Out of the Ashes * From Hereabout Hill
Beverley Naidoo	The Other Side of Truth
Bill Naughton	The Goalkeeper's Revenge
Linda Newbery	Blitz Boys
Jenny Nimmo	* Griffin's Castle * The Snow Spider
Mary Norton	The Borrowers
Alfred Noyles	The Highwayman
Robert C O'Brien	Z for Zachariah
Judith O'Neill	So Far From Skye
Pat O'Shea	The Hounds of the Morrigan
Kenneth Oppel	The Silverwing Saga
Ruth Park	Playing Beatie Bow
Katherine Paterson	* Bridge to Terabithia * Jacob Have I Loved
Jill Paton-Walsh	* The Dolphin Crossing * Fireweed
Gary Paulsen	Hatchet

Gudrun Pausewang	* Fall-Out * The Final Journey
Philippa Pearce	* Minnow on the Say * The Way To Sattin Shore * Tom's Midnight Garden
Susan Price	The Ghost Drum
Willard Price	Cannibal Adventure
Philip Pullman	Northern Lights
Christine Purkis	Paddlefeet
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Morton Rhue	The Wave
Hans-Peter Richter	* Friedrich * I Was There
Philip Ridley	* Zinderzunder * Krindlekrax * Scribbleboy
James Riordan	The Prisoner
Katherine Roberts	The Great Pyramid Robbery
Marcus Sedgwick	* Floodland * The Dark House
Iain Serrailier	Silver Sword
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
David Lee Stone	The Ratastrophe Catastrophe
Rosemary Sutcliff	* Sword Song * The Mark of the Horse Lord * Beowulf: Dragon Slayer * The Eagle of the Ninth * The Silver Branch * The Witch's Brat
Robert Swindells	* Hurricane Summer * Abomination * Brother in the Land * Daz 4 Zoe * Room 13 * Smash * Stone Cold * Unbeliever
Mildred D Taylor	* Let The Circle Be Unbroken * Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry * The Road To Memphis
Alfred Lord Tennyson	The Lady of Shallot
Ruth Thomas	* Hideaway * The Runaways
Colin Thompson	The Paradise Garden
Flora Thompson	Lark Rise To Candleford

Kate Thompson	Switchers
J R R Tolkien	The Hobbit
Theresa Tomlinson	* Child of the May * The Cellar Lad * The Herring Girls
Geoffrey Trease	Cue for Treason
Mark Twain	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Jules Verne	Around the World in 80 Days
Sylvia Waugh	The Menyms
Margaret Weis & Tracy Hickman	* Dragonlance Chronicles * Dragonlance Tales
Robert Westall	* Blitz Cat * The Machine Gunners * The Scarecrows
Henry Williamson	Tarka the Otter
Diana Wynne Jones	* Black Maria * The Time of the Ghost
Adeline Yen Mah	Chinese Cinderella