






Year 5
Reading List
2024



This list includes a selection of good quality children's books to encourage your reading. Please don't feel that you must work through all these titles! When choosing a book, take time to study the blurb and to skim through the opening chapters to find out if a particular book appeals, or is suitable. Read as much as you can in order to develop your individual taste and judgment.

Author	Title
Joan Aiken	Blackhearts in Battersea
	Nightbirds on Nantucket
B.B. Alston	Amari and the Night Brothers
	Amari and the Great Game
Tom Avery	My Brother's Shadow
Lynne Reid Banks	One More River
Nina Bawden	Carrie's War
Alex Bell	Polar Bear Explorer's Club
Jasbinder Bilan	Asha & The Spirit Bird
	Aarti & The Blue Gods
Jeanne Birdsall	The Penderwicks
Malorie Blackman	Pig-heart Boy
	Antidote
Anne Booth	Girl with a White Dog
Catherine Bruton	No Ballet Shoes in Syria
Kate DiCamillo	Louisiana's Way Home
Emma Carroll	The Somerset Tsunami
Frank Cottrell Boyce	Millions
	Cosmic
Theresa Breslin	Kezzie
Jessica Brody	Unremembered
H M Castor	VIII
Soman Chainani	School For Good and Evil
Lauren Child	Ruby Redfort series
Anne-Marie Conway	Butterfly Summer
	Forbidden Friends
Susan Cooper	The Dark is Rising series
Sharon Creech	Ruby Holler
	Walk Two Moons
Helen Cresswell	The Bagthorpe Saga
Sarah Crossan	Apple and Rain
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Gatty's Tale
Anna Dale	Dawn undertcover
Berlie Doherty	Children of Winter
	Holly Starcross
Roddy Doyle	A Greyhound of a Girl
	Brilliant
Tonke Dragt	The Letter for the King

Helen Dunmore	Ingo series
Christopher Edge	The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day
Deborah Ellis	Parvana's Journey
Jane Elson	A Room Full of chocolate
Penelope Farmer	Charlotte Sometimes
Nicholas Fisk	A Rag, a Bone and a Hank of Hair
Cornelia Funke	The Thief Lord
	Inkheart trilogy
	Dragon Keeper trilogy
Paul Gallico	Thomasina
Sally Gardner	I, Coriander
	The Red Necklace
Adele Geras	Lizzie's Wish
	Cecily's Portrait
Rumer Godden	The Dark Horse
Julia Golding	The Cat Royal series
	Ringmaster
	Empty Quarter
Sandra Greaves	The Skull in the Wood
G R Gemin	Cowgirl
Sally Grindley	Spilled Water
	Bitter Chocolate
John Grisham	Theodore Boone
E S Grove	The Glass Sentence (The Mapmakers Trilogy)
Alex Gutteridge	Last Chance Angel
Frances Hardinge	A Face Like Glass
Jane Hardstaff	The Executioner's Daughter
A. F. Harold	The Song from Somewhere Else
Sonya Hartnett	The Silver Donkey
	The Children of the King
Carl Hiaasen	Hoot
Mary Hoffman	Stravaganza series
Mary Hooper	At the Sign of the Sugared Plum
Anthony Horowitz	The Alex Rider series
	Granny
Polly Ho-Yen	Boy in the Tower
Erin Hunter	Warrior Cats series
	Survivors series
	The Seekers series

Eva Ibbotson	Journey to the River Sea
	The Dragonfly Pool
	Star of Kazan
	One Dog and his Boy
Ellie Irving	The Matilda Effect
Sharna Jackson	High Rise Mystery
Anna James	Pages & Co
Gareth P Jones	The Society of Thirteenth
	Constable and Toop
Diana Wynn Jones	Howl's Moving Castle
	A Tale of Time City
Lena Jones	Agatha Oddly series
Judith Kerr	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Liz Kessler	Emily Windsnap series
Chris d'Lacey	The Fire Within series
Suzanne LaFleur	Inside Out & Back Again
Elizabeth Laird	Red Sky in the Morning
Derek Landy	The Fastest Boy in the World
Andrew Lane	The Skullduggery Pleasant series
Gill Lewis	The Young Sherlock Holmes series
Caroline Lawrence	The Closest Thing to Flying
	The Roman Mysteries series
	The Roman Quests series
	How to Write a Great Story
Joan Lingard	Natasha's Will
	The Eleventh Orphan
Rebecca Lisle	The Spin
	Brightling
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
	A Stitch in Time
Michelle Magorian	Back Home
Gemma Malley	The Declaration
Irfan Master	A Beautiful Lie
Geraldine McCaughrean	The Positively Last Performance
	The Middle of Nowhere
Hilary McKay	Binny for Short
Cliff McNish	The Doomspell series
Jaclyn Moriarty	The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone
Michael Morpurgo	The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips
	War Horse
	Shadow
	Listen to the Moon

Beverley Naidoo	No Turning Back
Linda Newbery	Polly's March
Jenny Nimmo	Midnight for Charlie Bone series
Kate O'Hearn	Pegasus series
Robert O'Brien	Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh
Katharine Orton	Nevertell
R J Palacio	Wonder
James Patterson	Maximum Ride series
Michelle Paver	Wolf Brother
Philippa Pearce	Tom's Midnight Garden
K M Peyton	Flambards
Sarah Prineas	The Magic Thief series
Philip Pullman	The Ruby in the Smoke series
	Northern Lights series
Nigel Quinlan	The Cloak of Feathers
K A S Quinn	The Queen Must Die (Chronicles of Tempus)
Philip Reeve	Mortal Engines series
	Goblins
Paul Stewart/ Chris Riddell	The Edge Chronicles
Onjali Q. Raúf	The Boy at the Back of the Class
Rick Riordan	Percy Jackson series
Katherine Roberts	Sword of Light
Veronica Roth	Divergent series
Katherine Rundell	The Girl Savage
	Rooftoppers
Angie Sage	Septimus Heap series
S F Said	Varjak Paw
Kevin Sands	Phoenix
Marcus Sedgwick	The Blackthorn Key
	My Swordhand is Singing
	Blood Red, Snow White
Megan Shepherd	The Secret Horses of Briar Hill
Nicky Singer	The Dark Horse
	Feather Boy
	The Flask
Lauren St John	The One Dollar Horse trilogy
	Laura Marlin mysteries
Robin Stevens	Arsenic for Tea series
Tenton Lee Stewart	The Mysterious Benedict Society series

Catherine Storr	Marianne Dreams
Jonathan Stroud	The Screaming Staircase
Teri Terry	Slated trilogy
Lisa Thompson	The Goldfish Boy
	The Light Jar
Piers Torday	The Last Wild
Sandi Toksvig	Hitler's Canary
Sue Townsend	The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ann Turnbull	Josie Under Fire
	Mary Ann and Miss Mozart
	Pigeon Summer trilogy
Eleanor Updale	Montmorency
Cynthia Voigt	Homecoming
Jill Paton Walsh	The Dolphin Crossing
Sylvia Waugh	The Mennymys
T H White	The Sword in the Stone
Amy Wilson	Snowglobe
Jeanette Winterson	Tanglewreck
Adeline Yen Mah	Chinese Cinderella: The Mystery of the Song
	Dynasty Painting
Benjamin Zephaniah	Windrush Child
Some Classic Titles	
Hans Christian Anderson	Fairy Tales
Louisa M Alcott	Little Women
L. Frank Baum	The Wizard of Oz
Lucy Boston	The Children of Green Knowe
Pamela Brown	The Swish of the Curtain
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
	A Little Princess
Sheila Burnford	The Incredible Journey
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
Susan Coolidge	What Katy Did
Richmal Crompton	The Just William books
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
	Great Expectations
Anne Frank	The Diary of a Young Girl
Eve Garnett	The Family of One End Street

Kenneth Grahame	The Wind in the Willows
Rudyard Kipling	The Just So Stories
C.S. Lewis	The Narnia Chronicles
L M Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables series
Edith Nesbit	Five Children and It
	The Railway Children
Mary Norton	The Borrowers
Arthur Ransome	Swallows and Amazons
Antoine de Saint-Exupery	The Little Prince
Anna Sewell	Black Beauty
Dodie Smith	The 101 Dalmatians
Joanna Spyri	Heidi
Noel Streatfeild	Ballet Shoes
	Theatre Shoes
J.R.R. Tolkien	The Hobbit
	Lord of the Rings series
P.L. Travers	Mary Poppins
Oscar Wilde	The Happy Prince and other stories
H.G. Wells	The War of the Worlds