

Putting together a recommended reading list is a daunting and somewhat thankless task for several reasons, the first of which is that there are just so many wonderful books out there it isn't possible to include even a tiny portion.

In this reading list, we have tried to recommend new and exciting books written by authors from a range of cultures and traditions. We have included only one book from most authors with the hope that if you enjoy it, you will search out and read their other books.

Another difficulty is in separating the books into age categories. We are firmly of the belief that a good book is a good book and it can be enjoyed by readers of any age. That being the case, please treat the Y3/4 and Y5/6 distinction with the pinch of salt that it deserves.

Happy reading!

Years 5 & 6 List

Jasbinder Bilan	Asha and the Spirit Bird
Sita Brahmachari	Where the River Runs Gold
Emma Carroll	Secrets of a Sun King (historical fiction)
Sarwat Chadda	Ash Mistry and the Savage Fortress (series)
Abi Elphinstone	The Dream Snatcher
	Sky Song
Vashti Hardy	Brightstorm
Kiran Millwood Hargrave	Girl of Ink and Stars
Fleur Hitchcock	The Boy Who Flew
Philip Pullman	His Dark Materials trilogy
Phillip Reeve	Goblins (series)
	Mortal Engines
Katherine Rundell	The Good Thieves
	Rooftoppers

Animals

Richard Adams	Watership Down
Chen Jiatong	White Fox (series - translated from Chinese)
Lynne Kelly	Song for a Whale
Cory Leonardo	Call me Alastair
Gill Lewis	Run Wild
	Sky Dancer
Piers Torday	The Last Wild (series)
Ross Welford	The Dog who Saved the World

Classics

Lousia May Alcott	Little Women
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
C.S. Lewis	The Chronicles of Narnia (series)
L.M. Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables
Phillipa Pierce	Tom's Midnight Garden
Terry Pratchett	The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents
A. de Saint-Exupery	The Little Prince
J.R.R. Tolkein	The Hobbit
	The Lord of the Rings

Fantasy / Science fiction

Sophie Anderson	The Girl Who Speaks Bear
P.G. Bell	The Train to Impossible Places
Catherine Doyle	The Storm Keeper's Island
Catherine Fisher	The Clockwork Crow
Greg Howard	The Whispers
Padraig Kenny	Pog

Sharon Messenger	Keeper of the Lost Cities (series)
Piers Torday	The Lost Magician
Nadine Wild-Palmer	The Tunnels Below

Sport

S.E. Durrant	Running on Empty
Mitch Johnson	Kick
Tom Palmer	Armistice Runner
Jason Reynolds	Ghost
Rebecca Stevens	Lilly and the Rockets

Other

Christopher Edge	The Many Worlds of Albie Bright
Jason Reynolds	Look Both Ways
Jasmine Warga	Other Words for Home

Poetry

Kwame Alexander	Rebound (narrative verse)
Allie Esiri (Ed)	A Poem for Every Day of the Year
	A Poem for Every Night of the Year
	Shakespeare for Every Day of the Year
A.F. Harrold	Midnight Feasts
Sabrina Mahfouz	Poems from a Green and Blue Planet
A.A. Milne	When We Were Very Young
	Now We Are Six
Brian Patten (Ed)	The Puffin Book of Utterly Brilliant Poetry
Shel Silverstein	Where the Sidewalk Ends

Year 3 & 4 List

Adventure

Vivian French	Tom and Tallulah and the Witches' Feast
A.F Harrold	Fizzlebert Stump – The Boy Who Ran Away from the Circus
Harry Heape	Shiny Pippin and the Broken Forest
Gabrielle Kent	Knights and Bikes
Tom Mclaughlin	The Day I Became the Most Wanted Boy in the World
Sue Mongredien	Captain Cat and the Treasure Map
Ross Montgomery	Max and the Millions
Phillip Pullman	Clockwork
	The Firework Maker's Daughter (Y4/5)
Phillip Reeve	Oliver and the Seawigs
Thomas Taylor	Malamander
Elli Woollard	The Adventures of Swashbuckle Lil

Animals

Sylvia Bishop	Erica's Elephant
Ben Clanton	Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea
Eoin Colfer	The Dog Who Lost His Bark
Julian Gough	Rabbit and Bear (series)
Judith Kerr	Mr Cleghorn's Seal
Gill Lewis	Puppy Academy
Alex Milway	Hotel Flamingo
Michael Rosen	Dread Cat

Classics

Michael Bond	A Bear Called Paddington
Kenneth Grahame	The Reluctant Dragon
Jill Murphy	The Worst Witch (series)
Jill Tomlinson	The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark
E.B. White	Charlotte's Web
U. M. Williams	Gobbolino the Witch's Cat

Fantasy / Science fiction

Claire Barker	Picklewitch and Jack
Alex Bell	The Polar Bear Explorers' Club (series)
Claire Fayers	Storm Hound
Jamie Littler	Frostheart (series)
Jenny McLachlan	The Land of Roar
Andy Shepherd	The Boy Who Grew Dragons

Sport

Claire Balding	The Racehorse Who Disappeared
Anthony Browne	Willy the Champ
Phil Earl	The Unlucky Eleven
Michael Foreman	Wonder Goal
Sally Gardner	The Boy with Lightning Feet
Helena Pielichaty	Do Goalkeepers Wear Tiaras?
Cate Shearwater	Somersaults and Dreams (series)

Funny / Easy Reads

Pamela Butchart	Baby Aliens Got My Teacher (series)
Dav Pilkey	Dog Man (comic / graphic novel series)

Poetry

John Agard

The Rainmaker Danced

Hillaire Belloc

Cautionary Verses

T.S. Eliot

Cat Morgan

Spike Milligan

Silly Verse for Kids

Rachel Rooney

My Life as a Goldfish

Michael Rosen

Michael's Book of Bad Things

Quick. Let's Get Out of Here

Roger Stevens

A Million Brilliant Poems