

Recommended Reading List for Years 5 and 6

Love that Dog by Sharon Creech



In this narrative poem, Sharon Creech explores what makes a poem and what makes a poet. Love that Dog is a powerful narrative which gradually unfolds, drawing in the reader, making it a very moving and memorable experience.

Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars



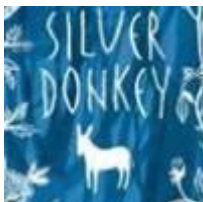
This classic children's novel reads aloud very well. It tells the compelling story of Tom, a boy who is sent, very reluctantly, to stay with his aunt and uncle on their farm. Readers experience his sense of wonder at the beauty of nature as he observes the beautiful sight of a black fox and her cub.

The Savage by David Almond



A very striking illustrated story with an interesting structure. The story is narrated by Blue, a boy coping with bullying in addition to recent bereavement. Blue creates the character of 'The Savage' and through telling The Savage's story and the magical way it seems to come true finds a way of coping with his grief.

The Silver Donkey by Sonia Hartnett



Two French girls find a soldier in the woods during the First World War. He has left the army and needs to return home to see his sick brother as well as escape the horrors he has seen and which have affected his eyesight.

The Treason by Berlie Doherty

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Will Montague becomes page to the future Edward VI, a role in which he is jealously regarded by the son of the Duke of Norfolk. The politics of religion during the time of Henry VIII and their effects on the rise and fall from power of individuals and families are vividly portrayed in this fast paced first person narrative.

Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird



Twelve-year-old Omar and his brothers and sisters were born and raised in the beautiful and bustling city of Bosra, Syria. Omar doesn't care about politics – all he wants is to grow up to become a successful businessman who will take the world by storm. But when his clever older brother, Musa, gets mixed up with some young political activists, everything changes . . .

Kick by Mitch Johnson



He is going to be a star, instead of sweating over each football boot he makes, each stitch he sews, and each box he packages. He is going to play for the greatest team on earth, rather than in the square behind the factory where he works. But one unlucky kick brings Budi's world crashing down, because now he owes the Dragon, the most dangerous man in all Jakarta. Soon it is not only Budi's dreams at stake, but his life.

The Murderer's Ape by Jakob Wegelius



Sally Jones is an extraordinary gorilla and a brilliant ship's engineer who sails the high seas on The Hudson Queen with her loyal friend the Chief. One day the shipmates are offered a mysterious job that promises to pay big bucks, but then disaster strikes, the job goes wrong and the Chief is falsely convicted of murder.

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Robot Girl by Malorie Blackman



Claire is keen to find out what her dad has been working on in his lab. He's been really excited about it and Claire knows it must be something that will make him even more famous. But the big reveal isn't at all what she expected and now Claire has a dilemma on her hands – what do you do when your dad has created a monster...?

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



Half boy. Half God. ALL Hero. I was just a normal kid, I went to school (got expelled a lot, but that wasn't my fault), played sports and hung out with my best friend. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now, I spend my time at Camp Half Blood, battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. And now that Zeus thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt, staying alive is going to be even harder...

Hidden Figures by Margot Shetterly



Based on the *New York Times* bestselling book and the Academy Award-nominated movie, author Margot Lee Shetterly and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award winner Laura Freeman bring the incredibly inspiring true story of four black women who helped NASA launch men into space to picture book readers!

The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce

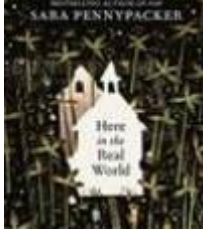


A magical story of friendship with darker undertones of the plight of refugees. Two refugee brothers from Mongolia are determined to fit in with their Liverpool

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schoolmates, but bring so much of Mongolia to Bootle that their new friend and guide, Julie, is hard-pressed to know truth from fantasy.

Here in the World by Sara Pennypacker



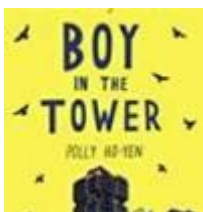
Ware can't wait to spend summer 'off in his own world' and generally being left alone. But then his parents sign him up for dreaded Rec camp, where he must endure Meaningful Social Interaction and whatever activities so-called 'normal' kids do. On his first day Ware meets Jolene, a tough, secretive girl planting a garden in the rubble of an abandoned church next to the camp. Soon Ware starts skipping Rec, creating a castle-like space of his own in the church lot.

Suffragette: The Battle for Equality by David Roberts



The year 2018 marks a century since the first women won the vote in the United Kingdom, and *Suffragette* tells the story of their fight. This is a tale of astounding bravery, ingenuity and strength. David's writing is accessible and his artwork full of rich detail, bringing to life the many vivid characters of the women's suffrage movement – from the militant activist and wheelchair user Rosa May Billinghurst to the world-famous Emmeline Pankhurst, Millicent Fawcett and Emily Wilding Davison.

The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen



Ade loves living at the top of a tower block. From his window, he feels like he can see the whole world stretching out beneath him. His mum doesn't really like looking outside – but it's going outside that she hates. She's happier sleeping all day inside their tower, where it's safe. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear.

The Last Wild by Piers Torday

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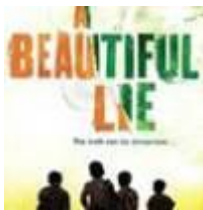
This is a story about a boy named Kester. He is extraordinary, but he doesn't know that yet. All he knows, at this very moment, is this: 1. There is a flock of excited pigeons in his bedroom. 2. They are talking to him. 3. His life will never be quite the same again... A captivating animal adventure destined to be loved by readers of all ages.

Grimms Tales: For Young and Old



In this beautiful book of classic fairy tales, award-winning author Philip Pullman has chosen his fifty favourite stories from the Brothers Grimm and presents them in a 'clear as water' retelling, in his unique and brilliant voice.

A Beautiful Lie by Irfan Master



An extraordinarily rich debut novel, set in India in 1947 at the time of Partition. Although the backdrop is this key event in Indian history, the novel is even more far-reaching, touching on the importance of tolerance, love and family.