

Fiction Reading For Year Ages 9+

Book title		Author	Themes	Reading Age /ability
The The ISLAND at the END of EVERYTHING Forenothilbued Pharpene	The Island At The End Of Everything	Kiran Millward Hargrave	Love, loss and hope symbolised by the butterflies that fill the pages	9-12
Here Lies Art	hur	Philip Reeve (Author of Mortal Engines)	A new take on the legend of King Arthur	9-12
Minders		Diana Hendry	Scully is a trainee wizard. His parents are wizards. Scully is given a Minder called Monika to look after him.	Easier read for Year 7
The Book Thi	ef	Marcus Zuzak	WWII Nazi Germany and the banning of books	9-12
The Seeing Stone		Kevin Crossley Holland	Stories of King Arthur in 100 short chapters	Ideal for reluctant readers
MADELEINE L'ENGLE	A Wrinkle In Time	Madeline L'Engle	The first in a series of books which are good for pupils interested in science. Finding a wrinkle in time: a gateway to another universe	9-12
The Adventur Huckleberry I fiction)		Mark Twain	Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer have made lots of money but all Huck wants to do is escape from his guardian, Miss Sawyer	Challenging read
The Secret Ga (Classic fictio		Frances Hodson Burnett	A girl, who is an unwanted and lonely child discovers a secret garden and its secrets	Challenging read
TREASURE ISLAND		Robert Louis Stevenson	The story of Jim Hawkins and his adventures on the ship Hispaniola	Challenging read



The Dark is The Dark is rising The Dark is rising The Dark is rising	Susanne Cooper	Fantasy and mystery, first in a series of books	9-12
The Box of Delights	John Masefield	Kay Harper receives a box from an old man with magical powers	Challenging read
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	Emotive story of private Tommo during his time in the trenches during WW1	11+
The Wolf Wilder	Katherine Rundell	Wolves, wildness and freedom	Medium
Ickabog	J K Rowling	Based on a bedtime story Rowling told her own children	Easy to medium
Wuthering Heights A retelling	Tanya Landman	Re-telling of Wuthering Heights	Reluctant and dyslexic readers
Deep Secret	Berlie Doherty	People, place, changing times and lasting memories	Medium
The Missing	Michael Rosen	True story of Michael Rosen's search for his family who went missing during the Holocaust	11+
Over Sea Under Stone	Susan Cooper	Set in Cornwall and a mystery story	Medium
The Sleeper and the Spindle	Neil Gaiman	A fusion of familiar fairy tales told in a dark hearted fashion	Medium
Shadows of Winterspell	Amy Wilson	Nan is a ghost and Peg is an imp. Stella Brigg lives with Nan and Pegg. All 3 are hiding from The Shadow King	Medium
A House Without Walls	Elizabeth Laird	Safyia is living in a new world as a refugee after her family fled from their home in Damascus	KS3 11+
A Pocketful of Stars	Aisha Busby	A tale about the awkwardness of growing up	KS3 11+
Dark Blade	Steve Feasey	Set in a Viking-esque world	Suitable also for reluctant readers
Becoming Jo	Sophie Mackenzie	Modern telling of Little Women told from the perspective of Jo	9-12



Scrivener's Moon	Philip Reeve	New adventure to add to the Mortal Engines story sequence	9-12
Brightstorm	Vashti Hardy	Twins embark on an adventure	9-12
The Griffin Gate 1st book of a series. The Puffin Portal is book 2	Vashti Hardy	Grace and her family use a teleportation map to get to the scene of a crime in an instant	7+ Dyslexia friendly book Blue Peter Book Award Winner Only 100 pages long
A Different Dog Paul JENNINGS	Paul Jennings	The story of a special relationship between a boy and a dog and how it saves them both	Easy read
The Explorer	Katherine Rundell	Adventure set in the Amazon	9-12
A Skinful of Shadows	Frances Hardinge	Thought provoking adventure	
Kick	Mitch Johnson	Football story based in Jakarta	KS3 Age 11+
Chase	Linwood Barclay	A first novel for 9-12 years olds. Edge of your seat thriller	9+
Dragon Rider Cornelia Funke & Dragon Rider The Griffin's feather		Fantasy adventure	9-12
The Ethan I Was Before	Ali Sandish	Coming of age story, explanation of loss, multi layered mystery	KS3 11+
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Coming of age novel and an autobiographical account of Louisa May Alcott's life with her 3 sisters in 1860s America	Challenging
Watership Down(classic fiction)	Richard Adams	Classic fantasy novel about rabbits on a quest to find a new home. The story originated from stories the author told his children on long car journeys	challenging
Beetle Boy	M J Leonard	A boy wakes up and finds he has turned into a beetle	9-12



Princess at Heart 4 th book in The Rosewood Chronicles Book 1: Undercover princess Book 2: Princess In Practice Book3 : the Lost Princess	Conti Glynn	Magical world of Lotti Pumpkin an ordinary girls who longs to be a princess	9-12
The Last Bear	Hannah Gold	A battle cry for our planet, first book by this author. Friendship between a polar bear and a girl	9-12
The Valley of Lost Secrets	Lesly Parr	Jimmy is evacuated to a village in Wales during WWII, he is lonely but then finds a skull hidden in a tree	9-12
The Boy Who met A whale	Nizrana Farook	Set in fictional Sri Lanka, includes a huge blue whale!	9-12
The Beast of Buckingham Palace	David Walliams	Epic quest to save a mother (the queen). Story of myth and legend	9-12
The Ship Of Shadows	Maria Kuzniar	Set in Spain, Aleja is a dreamer who longs for a life of magic and adventure	9-12
The Secret Dragon	Ed Clarke	Mari Jones discovers a fossil of a tiny dragon	9-12
The Good Bear	Sarah Lean	Thea attempts to save a wild bear in Norway	9-12
Future Friend	David Baddiel	Comedy and an easy read	9-12
The Hobbit	J R Tolkien	Fantasy adventure	9-12`
Skellig	David Almond	Heart felt, uplifting. The main character is a boy	11+
Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series Book 1 Wolfe Brother Book 2: Spirit Walker Bok3 : Soul eater Book 4: The Outcast Book 5: Oath Breaker Book 6: Ghost Hunter Book 7: Viper's Daughter	Michelle Paver, first book is Wolf Brother	Historical fantasy novels. They chronicle the adventures of Torak, an adolescent boy	10+



Percy Jackson series	Rick Riordan	Greek Mythology stories of fantasy, adventure and quests	9-12
MORRIS GLEITZMAN Once	Morris Gleitzman	Jewish boy called Felix who lived in Poland, is on a quest to find his book-keeper parents after he sees the Nazi's burning books from a Catholic orphanage	10+`
Artemis Fowl There are 8 books in the series	Eoin Colfer	Fantasy stories, which feature the criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl	9-12
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Morgorian	Set in WWII during evacuation	10+
Swallows and Amazons (classic literature)	Arthur Ransome	Adventure story	9+ Challenging read
This Wonderful Thing	Adam Baron	Mystery story	9-12
Worst Holiday ever	Charlie Higson	Adolescence from the point of view of a teenage boy (similar to diaries of Adrian Mole)	11+
The Short Knife	Ellen Caldecott		11+only
Jungledrop (Book3 of The Unmapped Chronicles	Abi Elphinstone (book 2)	Twins are whisked off to Jungledrop and things get wildly out of hand	9-12
Rumble Star Book 2 of The Unmapped Chronicles)	Abi Elphinstone (book1)	11 year old Casper Tock hates risks is allergic to adventures so he is shocked when he stumbles into Rumblestar	9-12
My name is River	Emma Rea	Set in Wales and the Amazon rainforest	9-12
When Life Gives You Mangoes	Kereen Getten	Caribbean island childhood with a mystery and jaw-dropping twist	9-12
The Boy At The Back of The Class	Onjali Rauf	The story of Ahmet, a refugee from Syria who comes to a school in England	9-12
Carrie's War(classic fiction)	Nina Bawden	Set during WWII. Carrie and Nick are evacuated to a Welsh village	10+-12



The Borrowers(classic fiction)	Mary Norton	Fantasy story	9-12
Truckers TRUCKERS	Terry Pratchett	Tribe of Nomes who live by a motorway and own a mysterious device called <i>The Thing</i>	10-12
A Monster Calls Sad/upsetting content	Patrick Ness	Conor's mother is ill but he finds an unusual ally when the Monster appears at his bedroom window. Main character goes on a journey of faith courage and truth	11+
His Dark Materials Trilogy	Philip Pullman	Fantasy adventure, including: Northern Lights, Golden Compass and The Amber Spyglass	11+
Al Capone Does My Shirts CENNIFER CHOLDENKO	Gennifer Choldenko	Historical novel for young adults. About a family who move to Alcatraz Island for a father's new job as a guard of the prison	11+
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Grace Lyn	Set in Fruitless Mountain and about a girl called Minli. Quest story	11+
Spaced Out	Stuart Gibbs	A moon base commander has gone missing and Dash Gibson is on the case	11+
BUELERINSTONE	Abi Elphinstone	Midnight in Crackledawn, 1 st adventure in of The Unmapped Chronicles	9+ Dyslexia friendly book



The House At The Edge of Magic	Amy Sparkes	Nina is an orphan pickpocket determined to escape her life in the Nest of a Thousand Treasures	9+
When We Got Lost In	Ross Welford	A book about dreaming your	9+
dreamland		dreams	
Voyage of the Sparrowhawk	Natasha Farrant	Exciting, fast-paced adventure, set after end of WW1	9+ Winner of the Costa Children's Book Award 2020
World Burn Down	Steve Cole	Inspired by fires in the Amazon, larger print, tinted pages, pictures	9+ Dyslexia friendly book
Tin Boy	Steve Cole	Mining for tin in deep dangerous trenches is the only life Tono has known but something will happen to change his life for ever	Cole9+ dyslexia friendly book
Home Ground	Alan Gibbons	Football story	7+ dyslexia friendly book
Blue Moon	Jenny Oldfield	Pony story	9+ Dyslexia friendly book
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr	Author's story of her and her family's flight from Nazi Germany	9+
KENSUKE'S KINGDOM	Michael Murpurgo	A story of a boy who goes missing just before his 12 th birthday and who ends up an island. Fabulous story Mrs Boon recommends this book	9+
Boy Giant	Michael Murpurgo	Based on the story of a boy call Omar and his family who flee the war in Afghanistan	9+
Songs of Magic series	S A Patrick	A Darkness Of Dragons and A Vanishing of Griffins	9+