



Year Five Reading List

These are not books you have to read. They're books that we think you would enjoy and which will give you a really good range of reading. If you read something brilliant not on this list, please do let us know and we will add it to next year's list!

Books marked * are for particularly confident readers.

The Midnight Fox by Betsy Byars	A boy spends a summer on a farm. He becomes friends with a black fox which his farmer uncle wants to kill. Truly beautiful. Also wonderful to read by the same author: The Eighteenth Emergency
Peter Pan by JM Barrie*	The story of a flying boy from Neverland.
Dead Man's Cove by Lauren St John	11 year old Laura wants to be a detective and in Cornwall, she finds just the place(this is a series).
The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkein	For extremely confident readers only, this is the start of the famous Lord of the Rings series of fantasy stories.
Street Child by Berlie Doherty	The story of a Victorian orphan. Based on the real-life story that started off the Barnardo's charity.
Chitty Chitty Bang Bang by Ian Fleming	A magical car's adventures. The book is quite different from the film you may have seen!
Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll *	A girl enters a world where nothing is as it seems and the playing cards can talk.
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by JK Rowling *	A young boy discovers he is a wizard and is sent away to the wizarding school of Hogwarts. There he meets the friends who will help him defeat the evil lurking in the school.
The Boggart by Susan Cooper	A strange creature is transported from Scotland to Canada and makes mischief.
The BFG by Roald Dahl	Not all giants are unfriendly. At least one of them is very friendly!
The Diary of a Killer Cat by Anne Fine	A cat tells the story of its life – and what an exciting one it is.
The Sheep-Pig by Dick King-Smith	A talking pig?
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively	James has moved into a haunted house and it falls to him to try to get rid of the ghost!
*A Series of Unfortunate Events	(series) The orphaned Baudelaire siblings

by Lemony Snicket	encounter some deeply unpleasant people.
Midnight by Jacqueline Wilson	Family troubles and fantasy stories mix together in this spell-binding tale.
Cows in Action by Steve Cole	(series) Time-travelling cows defeat all manner of baddies.
The Tide Turner by Angela McAllister	An enchanting story of mermaids.
*The Wind Singer by William Nicholson	(trilogy) Three children try to break free of their very strict city and encounter lots of adventures on their way.
Carrie's War by Nina Bawden	Spooky events take place after a girl and her brother are evacuated to Wales on the outbreak of war.
*The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster	A magical story of a boy called Milo who is often bored and is given a magical tollbooth....
Just So Stories by Rudyard Kiplings	These classic stories are great to read with parents!
Unreal by Paul Jennings	Seriously peculiar short stories. Paul Jennings has written several books full of bizarre short stories.
The Way to Sattin Shore by Phillippa Pearce	A story about children who discover a long-kept mystery about their own family. They try to find the truth and this leads them into trouble.
The Boy in the Dress by David Walliams	Does what it says on the tin! David Walliams' books are Roald Dahl for the 21 st century.
The Secret Garden by Francis Hodgson Burnett	A classic story about a girl who discovers a key to a locked garden.
The Borrowers by Mary Norton	The classic tale about little people living in your house!
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken	A haunting fantasy tale.
Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild	How a group of girls work hard to become better at ballet.
Moominsummer Madness by Tove Jansson	Part of a series of books about the Moomins, troll-like creatures who live in a valley. This book (and all the others) is charming and funny.
Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by TS Eliot	Poems about cats with all sorts of different personalities. Really good for reading with parents or being read to.
The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson	As with all of Jacqueline Wilson's books, this one focuses on the trials of modern family life. In this case, a girl who cannot accept that her parents have split up.
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech	A beautiful story told entirely in poems. Very different, short and great for getting you into poetry.
A Medal for Leroy by Michael Morpurgo	A war story with a difference – inspired by the true story of Walter Tull. By the same author and set at roughly the same time, Kaspar Prince of Cats – tells the story of a cat and the Titanic and

	Kensuke's Kingdom , a story about a boy's shipwreck.
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Also:

Poetry – **Juggling with Jelly** by Brian Patten; **The School Bag**, ed Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney; anything by Benjamin Zephaniah, **Sensational!** ed Roger McGough; **Behind the Staffroom Door** by Brian Moses

Picture Books: The Tear Thief by Carol Ann Duffy; Window by Jeannie Baker; The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan; Into the Forest by Anthony Browne; The Conquerors by David McKee; Zagazoo by Quentin Blake

(Picture books are worth reading, however old you are. The books listed above are beautiful, thought-provoking stories which are fun to read and discuss at any age.)

Activities for the Summer:

Why not write a book review of one of these books and hand it in to Mr Donnelly in September? You might win a prize...

You could write a story of your own based on one of the books you've read.

You could write a collection of poems, perhaps based on books you've read.

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