



Books Recommended for Year 5

Author	Title
Billington, Rachel	Poppy's Hero Poppy is devastated when her father is sent to prison. She and her friend Will decide that they must help him to escape.
Blackman, Malorie	Hacker Vicky needs to hack into a bank's computer system to prove her father's innocence, after he's accused of stealing a million pounds.
Caldecott, Elen	The Mystery of Wickworth Manor A fast-paced adventure mystery, set on a school trip to a manor house.
Coolidge, Susan	What Katy Did Written in 1872, the first in a charming series of books about a tearaway American girl and her family.
Corder, Zizou	Lion Boy An adventure story about a boy who can speak Cat and teams up with six lions to search for his kidnapped parents.
Eastham, Ruth	The Messenger Bird Nathan's father has been arrested. To prove his innocence, Nathan must solve a series of clues dating back to WWII. An exciting thriller.
Fine, Anne	Step by Wicked Step A group of children on a school trip reveal the secrets of their home lives to each other.
Fitzhugh, Louise	Harriet the Spy In 1960s New York, Harriet finds herself suddenly alone when her friends read the things she has written in her spy's notebook.
Gardner, Sally	I, Coriander Set in 1650s London, this book combines history, romance and fantasy.
Garfield, Leon	Smith The adventures of Smith, a 12 year-old pickpocket in 19 th century London.
Golding, Julia	Ringmaster An exciting spy adventure set in Kenya, featuring feisty heroine Darcie Lock.
Hawking, Stephen	George's Secret Key to the Universe George and his friends are whisked off into space by an intelligent but bad-tempered computer.
Higson, Charlie	Silverfin The adventures of the teenage James Bond.
Hill, Christopher W	Osbert the Avenger The gruesomely funny adventures of a very unlikely avenger, Osbert Brinkhoff. First in the Tales from Schwartzgarten series.
Horowitz, Anthony	The Falcon's Malteser A crime story packed with jokes. The first in a very funny series, featuring the Diamond Brothers detective agency.
Ibbotson, Eva	Journey to the River Sea In the 19 th century, orphan Maia travels to South America to start a new life by the banks of the Amazon.
LaFleur, Suzanne	Eight Keys The moving story of eleven year old orphan Elise, who discovers an incredible secret that might just help her unlock her past.
Lewis, Gill	Sky Hawk An extremely touching story about friendship and wildlife.

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Lively , Penelope	A Stitch in Time A gentle and beautifully written ghost story about an only child on holiday in an unusual old house.
Lovric , Michelle	The Undrowned Child A magical fantasy set in the waters of Venice.
Magorian , Michelle	Goodnight Mister Tom A moving and heart-warming WWII story about a timid young evacuee.
Masefield , John	The Box of Delights A magical tale set at Christmas and full of adventure.
Mayo , Simon	Itch An action adventure story packed full of true science. Itch is collecting all the elements of the periodic table.
McNish , Cliff	The Doomspell Robert and Eric are sucked through a terrifying portal to a frozen ice world. Magic, danger and treachery.
Mitchelhill , Barbara	Run Rabbit Run In WWII a pacifist goes on the run, taking his two children with him.
Montgomery , L M	Anne of Green Gables The first book in the classic Canadian series about lively orphan Anne Shirley.
Morpurgo , Michael	Alone on a Wide Wide Sea Orphaned during WWII, Arthur is sent to a hard new life in Australia.
Newbery , Linda	Nevermore A spooky mystery story. When Tizzie's mum takes a job in a big country house, Tizzie is puzzled by the absence of the family who own it.
Norton , Mary	The Borrowers The adventures of a family of tiny people living under the floorboards.
Palacio , R J	Wonder An extremely moving story about the importance of accepting people's differences.
Paver , Michelle	Wolf Brother In the ancient past, Torak hunts for the bear who killed his father. First book in the Chronicles of Ancient Darkness series.
Potter , Ellen	Olivia Kidney The funny and unusual adventures of Olivia Kidney, whose crazy neighbours live in bizarre apartments, including one that contains a tropical rainforest.
Ransome , Arthur	Swallows and Amazons The classic story of four children, whose parents allow them to sail their little boat to Wild Cat Island and camp there.
Riordan , Rick	Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief The first book in the exciting series about Percy Jackson: half boy, half god, all hero!
Rundell , Katherine	Rooftoppers Baby Sophie is found floating in the English Channel in a cello case. Her search for her mother leads her to Paris. A lovely, beautifully written story.
Selznick , Brian	The Invention of Hugo Cabret Orphan Hugo lives in a railway station in 1930s Paris. In this original and beautiful book the illustrations are as important as the text.
Tolkien , J R R	The Hobbit Bilbo Baggins leaves the comfort of the Shire to go on a journey with a wizard and a group of dwarves.
Yen Mah , Adeline	Chinese Cinderella The moving true story of the author's hard childhood in 1940s China.

