

# THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO BOOKS EVERYONE SHOULD READ



## YEAR 5 and 6

This is a list of great books we think every child should read before they leave Year 6. They are guaranteed to spark your imagination and entertain you. But don't take our word for it – read them yourself and write a review.


If you have already read any of these books you can start to review them right away. Earn certificates as you go:

10 books – The Page-Turner Reading Certificate

20 books – The Well-Read Reader Certificate

30 books – The Ace Reading Certificate

40 books – The Diamond Award for Fantastic Reading

TITLE	COVER	AUTHOR	REVIEW	TICK WHEN READ
Brightstorm: A sky-ship adventure		Vashti Hardy		
Wolf Brother		Michelle Paver		
Who Let the Gods Out		Maz Evans		
Beetle Boy		MG Leonard		
Boy in the Tower		Polly Ho-Yen		
Heidi		Johanna Spyri		
Artemis Fowl		Eoin Colfer		
The Wonder Garden		Jenny Bloom and Kristjana Williams		
The Breadwinner		Deborah Ellis		

The Butterfly Lion		Michael Morpurgo		
Charlotte's Web		E B White		
Clockwork		Phillip Pullman		
Danny the Champion of the World		Roald Dahl		
The What on Earth? Wallbook Timeline of Big History		Christopher Lloyd		
Dial A Ghost		Eva Ibbotson		
Dragon Rider		Cornelia Funke		
Emil and the Detectives		Erich Kastner		
The Incredible Adventures of Professor Branestawm		Norman Hunter		
I Know What You Did Last Wednesday		Anthony Horowitz		
Peter In Peril		Helen Bate		
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe		Penelope Lively		
Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone		JK Rowling		
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets		JK Rowling		

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban		JK Rowling		
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire		JK Rowling		
Heard It In The Playground		Allan Ahlberg		
The Ultimate Alphabet		Mike Wilks		
The Iron Man		Ted Hughes		
Krindlekrax		Phillip Ridley		
Scribbleboy		Phillip Ridley		
Stig of the Dump		Clive King		
Hacker		Malorie Blackman		
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit		Judith Kerr		
Shackleton's Journey		William Grill		
Moondial		Helen Cresswell		
The Demon Headmaster		Gillian Cross		
The Witches		Roald Dahl		
Bill's New Frock		Anne Fine		

The Mouse and his Child		Russell Hoban		
The Clock Tower Ghost		Gene Kemp		
The Sheep-Pig		Dick King-Smith		
King of the Cloud Forests		Michael Morpurgo		
The Phoenix and the Carpet		E Nesbit		
The Scarecrow and his Servant		Phillip Pullman		
A Series of Unfortunate Events		Lemony Snicket		
Woof!		Allan Ahlberg		
Laughter is an Egg		John Agard		
The Factory Made Boy		Christine Nostlinger		
Aquila		Andrew Norriss		
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane		Kate DiCamillo		
Alex Rider: Stormbreaker		Anthony Horowitz		
The Edge Chronicles: Beyond the Deep Woods		Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell		

A Letter for the King		Tonke Dragt		
Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief		Rick Riordan		
Magyk: the Septimus Heap series		Angie Sage		
Lion Boy		Zizou Corder		
The Wind in the Willows		Kenneth Grahame		
The Wind Singer		William Nicholson		
A Library of Lemons		Jo Cotterill		
The Bubble Boy		Stewart Foster		
The House With Chicken Legs		Sophie Anderson		
The Boy Who Sailed the Ocean in an Armchair		Lara Williamson		
Pax		Sara Pennypacker		
My Brother is a Superhero		David Solomons		
Black Powder		Ally Sherick		

Ballet Shoes		Noel Streatfeild		
The Arrival		Shaun Tan		
Sad Book		Michael Rosen		
A Long Walk to Water		Linda Sue Park		
Swallows and Amazons		Arthur Ransome		
Strange Star		Emma Carroll		
Sweet Pizza		G R Gemin		
Matilda		Roald Dahl		
Kensuke's Kingdom		Michael Morpurgo		
The Crossover		Kwame Alexander		
Phoenix		S F Said		
Alice's Adventure in Wonderland		Lewis Carroll		
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe		C S Lewis		
The Secret Garden		Frances Hodgson Burnett		

Five Children and It		E Nesbit		
Stig of the Dump		Clive King		
Wonder		R J Palacio		
The Borrowers		Mary Norton		
The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore		William Joyce		
The Girl of Ink and Stars		Kiran Millwood Hargraves		
Holes		Louis Sachar		
Once		Morris Gleitzman		
The Indian in the Cupboard		Lynne Reid Banks		
The Nowhere Emporium		Ross Mackenzie		
Oranges in No Man's Land		Elizabeth Laird		
Roof Toppers		Katherine Rundell		
A Girl Called Owl		Amy Wilson		



Flour Babies		Anne Fine		
Mold and the Poison Pot		Lorraine Gregory		
The Dreamsnatcher		Abi Elphinstone		
The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff		Andy Seed		
The London Eye Mystery		Siobhan Dowd		
The Legend of Podkin One-Ear		Kieran Larwood		
Shadow Forest		Matt Haig		
The Worst Children's Jobs in History		Sir Tony Robinson		
The Amazing Maurice and his Educated Rodents		Terry Pratchett		
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase		Joan Aiken		
Black Beauty		Anna Sewell		
The Thief Lord		Cornelia Funke		
The Hobbit		J R R Tolkien		
The War That Saved My Life		Kimberly Brubaker Bradley		



The Hunger Games		Suzanne Collins		
I Am Number Four		Pittacus Lore		
Eragon		Christopher Paolini		
Demon Dentist		David Walliams		
Goodnight Mr Tom		Michelle Magorian		
Inside Out and Back Again		Thannha Lai		
Mortal Engines		Philip Reeve		
Firegirl		Tony Abbott		
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright		Christopher Edge		
Kick		Mitch Johnson		
Room 13		Robert Swindells		
Time Travelling With A Hamster		Ross Welford		
Five on a Treasure Island		Enid Blyton		

Journey to the River Sea		Eva Ibbotson		
The Graveyard Book		Neil Gaiman		
Millions		Frank Cottrell-Boyce		
Street Child		Berlie Doherty		
Cogheart		Peter Bunzl		
Cloud Busting		Malorie Blackman		
Gaslight		Eloise Williams		
Northern Lights		Phillip Pullman		
Time Riders		Alex Scarrow		
Inkheart		Cornelia Funke		
Song For a Whale		Lynne Kelly		
Just Call Me Spaghetti Hoop Boy		Lara Williamson		
The Mystery of the Colour Thief		Ewa Jazelkowicz		
Ghost		Jason Reynolds		

Wildspark		Vashti Hardy		
The Fox Girl and the White Gazelle		Victoria Williamson		
Guardians of the Wild Unicorns		Lindsay Littleson		
Running on Empty		SE Durrant		
The Many Worlds of Albie Bright		Christopher Edge		
Rumblestar		Abi Elphinstone		
The Wild Way Home		Sophie Kirtley		
The House with Chicken Legs		Sophie Anderson		
Wisp A Story of Hope		Zana Fraillon		