





# **Suggested Reading List**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The following suggestions are of course only a fraction of the wealth of good literature available on the market, however I hope they will serve as a useful guide when either purchasing new books for your child or visiting a library. An enormous amount of new titles are published each year, and it is easy to feel a little confused and intimidated by the range available.

The titles have been grouped according to the following categories: fiction for 7 to 9 year olds, fiction for 9 to 11 year olds, non-fiction and poetry. Although I have grouped the fiction under two age brackets, these are by no means prescriptive, as I am sure you will appreciate that some children may be reading at a level different to that of their chronological age.

Happy reading!

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### Fiction for 7-9 Year Olds

The Giant Baby by A . Ahlberg

The Winter Sleepwalker, by J Aiken A Necklace of Raindrops, by J Aiken

Snow Dog, by M Blackman One Girl School, by J Blake Football Fever, e.d. T.Bradman Dimanche Diller, by H Branford Across the Roman Wall, by T Breslin Dog Star, by J Brian Flat Stanley, by J Brown Jazeera's Journey, by L Bruce The Precious Pearl, by N Butterworth & M Inkpen

Kick-Off, by H Cole Love That Dog, by S Creech A game of Catch, by H Cresswell The Plemakers, by H Cresswell Posh Watson, by G Cross The Roman Beanfeast, by G Cross Storm, by K Crossley-Holland

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, by R Dahl Matilda, by R Dahl The BFG, by R Dahl Once Upon a Time, by N Daly The Animals of Farthing Wood, by C Dann Aristotle, by D King-Smith K O Kings, by A Durant

Bills New Frock, by A Fine The Angel of Nitshill Road, by A Fine Aesop's Funky Fables, by V.French Dragon Rider, by C.Funke

Forbidden Memories, by J Gavin Grandpa Chatterji, by J Gavin

The Great Twin Trick, by M Hooper Enchantment in the Garden, by S Hughes The Iron Man, by T Hughes

Sucked In, by P Jennings

Happy Mouseday, by D King-Smith Horse Pie, by D King-Smith The Finger Eater, by D King-Smith The Guard Dog, by D King-Smith

Nobody Owns the Sky, by R Lindbergh

The Orchard Book of Greek Myths, by G McCaughrean A Fish For Supper, by A Macdonald & G Riday Long Lost, by J Mark Aisha and Her Golden Fish, by S Mason The Butterfly Lion, by M Morpurgo The Dancing Bear, by M Morpurgo The Worst Witch, by J Murphy

The Dragon's Child, by J Nimmo

The Shrinking of Treehorn, by F Parry Heide Impossible Parents, by B Patten The Battle of Bubble and Squeak, by P.Pearce Shock Shop : Stealaway, by K M Peyton The Rainbow Fish, by M Pfisher

Rapunzel – A Groovy Fairy Tale, by L Roberts Hullaballoony, by C Robinson The Boy Who Cried Wolf, by T Ross

#### Shakespeare's Storybook, by P Ryan

Fred, by P Simmons The Donkey and the Golden Light, by G.Speirs Abel's Island, by W.Steig Fergus Crane, by P.Stewart Max and the Haunted Castle, by J Strong

The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow – K.Umansky Becky Bananas, by J Ure Daisy May, by J Ure

Mr Potts The Potty Teacher, by C West Charlotte's Web, by EB White Greek Myths, by M Williams Mr William Shakespeare's Plays and other cartoon strip stories, by M Williams

#### Fiction for 9-11 Year Olds

Watership Down, by R Adams Titles by J Aiken Fire Eaters, by D Almond Skellig, by D Almond Dubious Deeds, by P Ardagh

Carrie's War, by N Bawden Hacker, by M Blackman Football Fever – Ten top scoring soccer stories – collected by T Bradman

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through The Looking Glass, by L Carroll Artemis Fowl, by E Colfer Frindle, by A Clements The Boggart, by S Cooper Just William, by R Crompton The Demon Headmaster, by G Cross The Great Elephant Chase, by G Cross At the Crossing Places, by K Crossley Holland The Seeing Stone, by K Crossley-Holland

Angels The Fire Within, by C D'Lacey Unlimited, by A Dalton Oliver Twist, by C Dickens Daughter of the Sea, by B Doherty

Titles by A Fine Trillions, by N Fisk The Diary of a Young Girl, by A Frank

The Wolves in the Walls, by N Gaiman

The Secret Garden, by F Hodgson Burnett Stormbreaker (and its sequels), by A.Horowitz

Journey to the River Sea, by E Ibbotson

#### The Star of Kazan, by E.Ibbotson

The Faggerung, by B Jaques Avenger, by P Johnson Any Paul Jennings titles

Lady Daisy, by D King-Smith The Sheep Pig, by D King-Smith Just So Stories, by R Kipling

Red Sky in the Morning, by E Laird The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, by CS Lewis The Ghost of Thomas Kempe, by P Lively

Ally's World, by K McCombie Goodnight Mr Tom, by M Magorian Anne of Green Gables, by LM MontGomery The Wreck of the Zanzibar, by M Morpurgo Kensuke's Kingdom, by M Morpurgo Private Peaceful, by M Morpurgo

Twilight Ghost, by M Nabb The Railway Children, by E Nesbit The Phoenix and The Carpet, by E Nesbitt Blitz Boys, by L Newbery Shock Shop:The Bodigulpa, by J Nimmo The Borrowers, by M Norton

The Silver Crown, by R O'Brien

The Dolphin Crossing, by J Paton Walsh The Story Glant, by B Patten Tom's Midnight Garden, by P Pearce Young Oxford Book of Christ Stories, by D Pepper Lobster Boy, by R Philbrick Compass Murphy, by S Potts Detective Stories, by P Pullman The Firework-Maker's Daughter, by P Pullman Lyra's Oxford, by P Pullman

The Mighty Fizz Chilla, by P Ridley Kindlekrax, by P Ridley The Great Pyramid Robbery, by K Roberts Harry Potter Series, by JK Rowling

Holes, by L Sachar A Series of Unfortunate Events, by L Snicket My Mum's Going to Explode, by J Strong The Amulet of Samarkand, by J Stroud Beowolf : Dragonslayer, by R Sutcliff Room 13, by R Swindells

The Lord of The Rings, by JR Tolkien The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by M Twain

Mr William Shakespeare's Plays, by M Williams The Suitcase Kid, by J Wilson The Lottie Project, by J Wilson Fantasy Stories – chosen by D Wynne Jones

#### Suggestions for Able Readers 10-12 years

Rapid, by B Ashley

The Wanderer, by S Creech

Antonio S and the Mystery of Theodore Guzman, by O Hirsch

The Poppykettle Papers, by M Lawrence

The Kite Rider, by G McCaughrean

Defenders, by P May

From Hereabout Hill, by M Morpurgo

Robin of Sherwood, by M Morpurgo

Milo's Wolves, by J Nimmo

Remember Me, by I N Watts

#### Non-Fiction

#### Dictionaries, Thesauri & Grammar

Collins Junior Dictionary Collins Primary Dictionary Collins Rhyming Dictionary Collins Junior Thesaurus Collins New School Thesaurus The Oxford Junior Dictionary The Oxford Junior Thesaurus The Ladybird Thesaurus The Great Grammar Book, by J Maisals & K Petty

#### Encyclopaedias

Kingfisher First Encyclopaedia The Usborne Internet-linked Encyclopaedia of World Geography with Complete World Atlas

The Kingfisher Illustrated Dinosaur Encyclopaedia, by D Burnie

The Usborne Encyclopaedia of World Religions, by K Rogers & C Hickman

Young Oxford Encyclopaedia of Science, by R Dawkins

#### Other Reference Books

Blue Planet : Ocean World Journey into the Arctic, by B & C Alexander

Amazing Mammals, by A Parson DK Guide to Mammals, by B Morgan Bugs: A Close-up View of the Insect World, by C Maynard The Usborne Internet-linked complete book of the Human Body, by A Claybourne A Child's Guide to Wild Flowers, by C Voake Children's First Book of Earth and Space, by D Parr The Usbourne Book of Science Experiments, J Bingham

The Usborne Book of Peoples of the World, by G Doherty & A Claybourne

100 World Myths & Legends, by G McCaughrean

The Kingfisher Children's Bible, by T Barnes

The Usborne Internet-linked Encyclopedia of World History, J Bingham, F.Chandler, S.Taplin Usbourne Discovery Dinosaurs, by R FirthThe Mystery of the Egyptian Mummy, by J Filer Britain in Roman Times (Life in Britain Series)

You Wouldn't Want to be Married to Henry VIII, by F Macdonald

Tony Robinson's Book of Kings & Queens, by T Robinson

Shakespeare : His Work and His World, by M Rosen

The Book About Books, by C Powling The Great Art Scandal – A.Nilsen

Extreme Sports - Snowboarding, by B Malthouse & F Watts

Extreme Sports - Skateboarding, by B Powell & F Watts

Football for Girls, foreword by M Spacey

The Usbourne Internet-linked World of Ballet, by J Tatchell

Even More Revolting Recipes, by R Dahl

## Poetry

A Caribbean Dozen, by J Agard & G Nichols Friendly Matches, by A Ahlberg Heard It In the Playground, by A Ahlberg Please Mrs Butler, by A Ahlberg

Around the World in Eighty Poems, edited by J Berry Playing A Dazzler, by J Berry Both Sides of The Cat flap, by S Brownjohn

Custard Pie, by P Corbett The Complete School Verse, by J & G Curry

A Century of Children's Poems, edited by J Foster Word Wizard, by J Foster

Cock Crow to Starlight, by R Godden

The Oxford Treasury of Classic Poems, by M Harrison & C Stuart-Clark

Swings and Shadows – A Childhood in Poetry, edited by A Harvey

Not More Poems to Shout Out Loud, by E Henry Casting a Spell and Other Poems – An Anthology of New Poems, compiled by A Huth

Sky in the Pie, by R McGough The Orchard Book of Poems, chosen by A Mitchell Parent Free Zone, by B Moses Poems out Loud, by B Moses The Secret Lives of Teachers, by B Moses

Earthways/Earthwise, selected by J Nicholls Give Yourself a Hug, by G Nichols Paint me a Poem, by G Nichols

The Fox on the Roundabout, by G Owen

A World of Poetry, by M Rosen The Walker Book of Classic Poetry & Poets, by M Rosen & P Howard

Walking the Bridge of Your Nose, edited by M Rosen

I Did Not Eat the Goldfish, by R Stevens

Toothpaste Trouble : Poems from Breakfast to Bedtime, by N Toczek

Glitter When You Jump, by F Waters

Some useful websites to refer to when selecting children's books

www.bookstart.co.uk

www.booktrusted.com

www.bookmark.org.uk

www.children'slaureate.org.uk