

THE GROVE READS

Reading Recommendations, by the children, for the children.



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Welcome! Keep up to date with what children at The Grove have been reading recently and what they recommend. In today's issue are a few of Year 2, 4's and 5's favourite books...

I am the Seed That Grew the Tree -

A selection of poems about nature

Recommended by Jacob, Year 2

What's the book about? The book is a collection of poems for every day of the year. The theme of the poems is nature, including animals and different plants from England.

Who would enjoy reading this? I think Year 3 upwards could read this book independently, but children younger would need someone to read it to them. The poems usually are about things little children would know, for example acorns and swans and foxes. But some of the poems are structured in a tricky way with new punctuation. Adults who like nature and poetry would love this book.

Why did you like it? I like it because every day there is a new poem to read. I got this book for Christmas 2018 so I am now a month in so I still have over 300 poems left to read! I don't think it includes a leap year day.

Ellie's Magic Wish, by Alice King

Recommended by Ellie, Year 2

What's the book about? It's about a little, pink elephant who would like to be a fairy. The book describes Ellie the elephant's day, and she does lots of fun things like dance to music in her garden and have tea parties, while she's dressed-up as a fairy!

Who would enjoy reading this? I think young children would enjoy this book because the main character does lots of funny things. Girls might enjoy it more because Ellie the elephant could be similar to them because they might want to be fairies too! Year 5 and 6 boys wouldn't enjoy it because they might not like pink and there is a lot of pink in this book and they might not want to be fairies!

Why did you like it? It's so much fun because you can try and spot a fairy in your favourite colour from each page, like a game. I got it when I was 3 years old, and it's one of my favourite and most treasured books. I remember reading it sitting next to my Daddy during a Reading Picnic at school, in Year 1.

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Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone, by J.K. Rowling

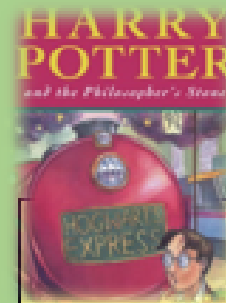
Recommended by Filip, Year 5

What's the book about? The book is about a boy called Harry Potter, who is an orphan. At the start, he lives with his unkind cousins. One day he gets invited to a special wizard school, called Hogwarts. A big man, Hagrid comes to collect him. The rest of the book is about the things he gets up to in Hogwarts and learning spells and making friends with other wizards and witches, like Hermione and Ron.

Who would enjoy reading this? It's a long book with hard vocabulary in so probably younger children wouldn't be able to read or understand what happens through the story. Year 4 upwards would be able to keep up with the story line and understand the themes, including magic, mystery and friendship.

Why did you like it? I like this book because I like books with lots of suspense and I liked the main character, Harry, because even though he was treated badly through his childhood, he persevered, didn't give up and eventually got rewarded with a wonderful opportunity most children wouldn't get.

If you would like to recommend a book you have read, go and speak to Miss Lee-Fox and you could be featured in the next issue in March!



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Varjak Paw, SF Said

Recommended by Lateefah, Year 4

What's the book about? 'Varjak Paw' is about a cat, who is born into a family of cats, where he is disrespected and ignored but one day his family get trapped by an evil man. Varjak hears about "The Way", which is a special form of cat-martial arts, so he decides to go on a mission to find help in order to save his family. On his quest he meets a friendly dog and comes across lots of cat gangs, getting himself into exciting but scary scrapes along the way.

Who would enjoy reading this? I think people who like fantasy stories and stories about adventure would like this book. Children who like books around the theme of strength and finding yourself through adversity would also get a lot from it.

Why did you like it? I enjoyed the illustrations and how the author described the events. I also like the use of language to describe the detail. Miss Lee-Fox or Miss Martin has this book, so if you'd like to read it go and ask them to borrow it!



Thank you for your support and interest in the Reading Cafes and developing The Grove's strong community of readers. We look forward to seeing you back in March.