



Year 5 Recommended Reads

This is a list of recommended reads for those in Year 5.
Remember to look at other age reading lists too.

Humour

A Turn in the Grave, Bowvayne
Molly Moon, Georgia Byng
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key/What would Joey Do Jack Gantos
The Spud from Outer Space, Susan Gates
The Last Polar Bears, Harry Horse
Jiggy McCue series, Michael Lawrence

School Stories

St Clares, Enid Blyton
Malory Towers, Enid Blyton
Flour Babies, Anne Fine

Adventure Stories

A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E., Thief, Dead Georgeous, Malorie Blackman
The Last Free Cat, John Blake
Famous Five, Enid Blyton
Jimmy Coates Sabotage, Joe Craig
Iron Heads, Susan Gates
Diamond Brothers series, Anthony Horowitz
Wicked, Anthony Masters
Storm Runners, Barbara Mitchel Hill
The Invisible Detective series, Justin Richards
Stormsearch, In the Nick of Time, Robert Westall

Adventure Set in the Past

The Abbey Mysteries, Cherith Baldry
The Roman Mystery series, Caroline Lawrence
The Way of the Warrior, Andrew Matthews
The Baker Street Boys, Anthony Read
Great Pyramid Robbery, Katherine Roberts
The Cats of Seroster, Robert Westall

Past

The Children of Green Knowe, Lucy M. Boston
Tudor Terror, Terry Deary
The Saga of Erik the Viking, The Knight and the Squire, Terry Jones
Death and the Arrow, Chris Priestly
Clockwork, Philip Pullman
Percy Jackson series, Rick Riordan
My Diary and My Story series, various authors
Horrible History, Horrible Geography series



War stories

War Boy, War Game Michael Foreman
Warhorse, War of Jenkins Ear, Michael Morpurgo
A Time of Fire, Robert Westall

Fantasy

Frog Princess, Dragon's Breath, E. D. Baker
Tales of the Dark Forest, Steve Barlow/Steve Skidmore
The Boggart, Susan Cooper
Dragon books, Cressida Cowell
Harvey Angell, Diana Hendry
Dogsbody, A Tale of Time City, Diana Wynne Jones
Skulduggery Pleasant, Playing with Fire, Derek Landy
The Witch Trade, Michael Molly
The Dog so Small, Phillipa Pearce
Dakota of the White Flats, Scribbleboy, Philip Ridley
A Series of Unfortunate events, Lemony Snicket
Muddle Earth, Paul Stewart

Ghost

The Magician's House Quartet, William Corlett
Secret of Platform 13, Dial a Ghost, Eva Ibbotson
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe, A Stitch in Time, Penelope Lively
Goosebumps, R. L. Stine
Room 13, Robert Swindells

Animal

Wild Lives series, Nick Arnold
Sandy Lane Stables, Michelle Bates
Peppermint Pig, Nina Bawden
The Rover Adventures, Roddy Doyle
Tooth and Claw, Stephen Moore
Mrs Frisby and The Rats of Nihm, Robert C. O'Brien
Dreamseeker Trilogy, Jenny Oldfield
Varjak Paw series, S. F. Said

Magical

Angels Unlimited, Annie Dalton
Pongwiffy, Wilma series, Kaye Umansky Family
Jessica Haggerthwaite: Media Star, Emma Barnes
Bagthorpe Saga, Helena Cresswell
2 Weeks with the Queen, Morris Gleitzman
The Exiles, Hilary Mackay
Simone's Letters, Helena Pielichaty
The Mum Surprise, Gwyneth Rees
Becky Bananas, Jean Ure



Science Fiction

Angel for May, Melvin Burgess
A Rag, A Bone and a Hank of Hair, Nicholas Fisk
Aquilla, Andrew Morris
Dr Who Stories, various authors

Sport

Kick Off, Shoot to Win, Dan Friedman

Popular Authors

Matilda, BFG, Danny the Champion of the World, Boy, Going Solo, Roald Dahl
Charm School, Anne Fine
Crowstarver, The Sheep Pig, The Water Horse Dick King-Smith
Escape from Shangri-La, Long Way home, The White Horse of Zennor, Michael Morpurgo
Tracy Beaker, Best Friends, Secrets, Midnight, Jacqueline Wilson

Modern Classics

The Midnight Fox, Betsy Byars
Stig of the Dump, Clive King
Thunder and Lightning, Jan Mark
The Rescuers, Margery Sharp
Mennymys, Sylvia Waugh

Classics

Peter Pan, J. M. Barrie
Wizard of Oz, Frank L. Baum
Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
Katy books, Susan Coolidge
Just William, Richmal Crompton
Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Graham
Just So Stories, The Jungle Book, Rudyard Kipling
Pollyanna, E. Porter
101 Dalmations, Dodie Smith
Heidi, Johanna Spyri
Ballet Shoes, Noel Streatfield
Mary Poppins, P. L. Travers

Graphic Format

Asterix, Rene Goscinny
Ironfist Chimini (Manga,) Takeshi Maekewa
Raven's Revenge, Tod in Biker City, Anthony Masters

Poetry

Let Me Touch the Sky, Val Bloom
Funky chickens, Benjamin Zephaniah
The Oxford Book of Story Poems
Dark as a Midnight Dream
The Works A Poet a Week