

11+ / Entrance Exam Recommended Reading List

Year
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These books cover a wide variety of themes and genres. A strong vocabulary and comprehending more challenging texts is a key part of 11 Plus success. Some of the topics covered in the books listed below cover mature concepts so please read the blurb of a book to decide if you would like your child to read it. Some of the texts may contain outdated, incorrect views and inappropriate cultural depictions. If you encounter this, we recommend having an open dialogue about culture and diversity.

Historical Fiction

- Jane Austen Children's Stories - Collection
- Mark Twain - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- Robert Louis Stevenson - Kidnapped
- Nina Bawden - Carrie's War

Fantasy

- J.K Rowling - Harry Potter Series
- Rick Riordan - Percy Jackson Series
- J.R.R Tolkien - The Hobbit
- C.S Lewis - The Chronicles of Narnia
- Lewis Carroll - Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
- Lewis Carroll - Through the Looking Glass

Non Fiction

- Adam Kay - Kay's Anatomy: A Complete (and Completely Disgusting) Guide to the Human Body
- Roma Agrawal - How Was That Built?
- Jane Solomon - The Dictionary of Difficult Words
- Matthew Syed - You Are Awesome

Topical Fiction

- Alexis Snell - The Bear in the Stars
- Steve Cole - World Burn Down
- Onjali Rauf - The Boy at the Back of The Class

Biographies

- Margot Lee Shetterly - Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race
- Devika Jina & Petra Braun - The Extraordinary Life of Greta Thunberg
- Sally Morgan - Captain Tom Moore (A Life Story)
- Ben Lerwill - Climate Rebels