

Recommended Reading List

Year
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The selection of books in this list are a guide for children aged 9-10 in Year 5 at school. The books range various genres to cover all interests. If your child is a competent reader or has read many of these titles then try the books from the Year 6 reading list.

Animals

- White Fox - Chen Jiatong and Viola Wang
- Black Beauty - Anna Sewell
- The Midnight Fox - Betsy Byars
- The Hundred and One Dalmations - Dodie Smith
- The Sheep Pig - Dick King-Smith
- The Marble Crusher - Michael Morpurgo
- Wild Lives series - Nick Arnold
- Sandy Lane Stables - Michelle Bates
- 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



Humour

- Double Act - Jacqueline Wilson
- Little Badman and the Invasion of the Killer Aunties - Humza Arshad
- There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - Louis Sachar
- Dork Diaries Collection - Rachel Renee Russell
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid Collection - Jeff Kinney
- Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life - James Patterson & Chris Tebbetts
- Diary of a Sixth Grade Ninja - Marcus Emerson
- Einstein, The Girl Who Hated Maths - John Agard

Spooky/Mystery

- I Know What You Did Last Wednesday - Anthony Horowitz
- Holes - Louis Sachar
- Pig Heart Boy - Malorie Blackman
- Hacker - Malorie Blackman
- The Magician's House Quartet - William Corlett
- Secret of Platform 13 - Eva Ibbotson
- Dial a Ghost - Eva Ibbotson
- The Ghost of Thomas Kempe - Penelope Lively
- A Stitch in Time - Penelope Lively
- Goosebumps Series - R. L. Stine
- Room 13 - Robert Swindells



- Tales of Fourth Grade Nothing - Judy Blume
- Big Nate Series- Lincoln Peirce
- Wayside School Series - Louis Sachar
- A Turn in the Grave - Bowwayne
- Molly Moon - Georgia Byng
- The Spud from Outer Space - Susan Gates
- The Last Polar Bears - Harry Horse
- Jiggy McCue series - Michael Lawrence
- Demon Dentist - David Walliams
- Billionaire Boy - David Walliams
- Grandpa's Great Escape - David Walliams

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History

- Walter and Me – Michael Morpurgo
- Walter Tull's Scrapbook – Michaela Morgan
- Two Lives: Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole – Eric L. Huntley
- Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World – Burhana Islam
- The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo
- Friend or Foe – Michael Morpurgo
- Windrush Child – Benjamin Zephaniah
- Letters from the Lighthouse - Emma Carroll
- Inside Out and Back Again – Thanhha Lai
- The War That Saved My Life – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- One Crazy Summer– Rita Williams-Garcia
- War Boy - Michael Foreman
- War Game - Michael Foreman
- Warhorse - Michael Morpurgo
- War of Jenkins Ear – Michael Morpurgo
- A Time of Fire - Robert Westall
- The Abbey Mysteries - Cherith Baldry
- The Roman Mystery series - Caroline Lawrence
- The Way of the Warrior - Andrew Matthews
- Great Pyramid Robbery - Katherine Roberts

Fantasy

- Boy in the Tower - Polly Ho-Yen
- Watership Down - Richard Adams
- Rumaysa: A Fairytale - Radiya Hafiza
- Into the Spotlight - Carrie Hope Fletcher
- Blackberry Blue - Jamila Gavin
- Northern Lights - Philip Pullman
- Dragon Rider - Cornelia Funke
- Artemis Fowl - Eoin Colfer
- Mister Monday - Garth Nix
- The Indian in the Cupboard series - Lynne Reid Banks
- Frog Princess - E. D. Baker
- A Series of Unfortunate Events Lemony Snicket – Daniel Handler
- Dragon's Breath - E. D. Baker
- The Boggart - Susan Cooper
- Dragon Books - Cressida Cowell
- Harvey Angell - Diana Hendry
- Dogsboddy - Diana Wynne Jones
- A Tale of Time City - Diana Wynne Jones
- Skulduggery Pleasant - Derek Landy
- Playing with Fire - Derek Landy
- The Witch Trade - Michael Molly
- The Dog So Small - Phillipa Pearce
- Dakota of the White Flats - Philip Ridley
- Scribbleboy - Philip Ridley
- Muddle Earth - Paul Stewart

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Adventure/Action

- Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce
- The Cure for a Crime - Roopa Farooki
- Gone to Drift - Diana McCaulay
- Aquila - Andrew Norris
- The Grand Plan to Fix Everything - Uma Krishnaswami
- Striking Out - Ian Wright and Benjamin Wachenje
- Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo
- The Perfect Parent Project - Stewart Foster
- The Sleeping Sword - Michael Morpurgo
- The Shapeshifter Collection - Ali Sparkes
- A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E. - Malorie Blackman
- Thief - Malorie Blackman
- Dead Georgeous - Malorie Blackman
- The Last Free Cat - John Blake
- Jimmy Coates Sabotage - Joe Craig
- Iron Heads - Susan Gates
- Diamond Brothers series - Anthony Horowitz
- Wicked - Anthony Masters
- Storm Runners - Barbara Mitchelhill
- The Invisible Detective series - Justin Richards
- Stormsearch - Robert Westall
- In the Nick of Time - Robert Westall
- The Faraway Truth - Janae Marks
- Stormsearch - Robert Westall
- Boy Overboard - Morris Gleitzman
- The Baker Street Boys - Anthony Read
- The Cats of Seroster - Robert Westall



Big Feelings

- Cloud Boy - Marcia Williams
- All The Things That Could Go Wrong - Stewart Foster
- The Misadventures of Max Crumbly: Locker Hero - Rachel Renee Russell
- Fuzzy Mud - Louis Sachar
- Your Mood Journal - Fearne Cotton
- Step Into Your Power - Jamia Wilson
- You Are a Champion: How to Be the Best You Can Be - Marcus Rashford

Celebrating Diversity

- The Goldfish Boy - Lisa Thompson
- Max and the Millions - Ross Montgomery
- Love Your Body - Jessica Sanders
- The Boy at the Back of the Class - Onjali Q. Rauf
- Me and Mister P: Joe's New World - Maria Farrer
- Patina - Jason Reynolds
- I Am Not a Label: 34 disabled artists, thinkers, athletes and activists from past and present - Carrie Burnell

