

Reading List - Years 5/6

Below are listed some suggestions of authors / series which are popular with children in Years 5 and 6. Included are both established authors and also some more modern ones. The authors listed have written many other stories besides the ones mentioned – so give them a try!

Picture Books and shorter stories

Briggs, Raymond	The Snowman; The Man; Fungus the Bogeyman
Browne, Anthony	Zoo; Into the Forest; Willy the Wimp; King Kong
Child, Lauren	Beware of the Storybook Wolves; Clarice Bean series
McNaughton, Colin	Jolly Roger; Watch out for the Giant Killers
Scieszka, Jon	The Stinky Cheeseman and Other Fairly Stupid Tales
Ahlberg, Allan	Happy Families e.g. Mrs Jolly's Joke Shop
Anholt, Laurence	Seriously Silly Stories
Blacker, Terence	Ms. Wiz series
Simon, Francesca	Horrid Henry series
Various	Colour Crackers e.g. Open Wide, Wilbur; Phew, Sidney!
Various	DK Readers (different levels) e.g. The Big Dinosaur Dig; Astronaut Living in Space; Story of the Incredible Hulk
Various	Tremors e.g Terror in the Attic; Deadly Dodgem

Longer stories

Ahlberg, Allan	The Improbable Cat; My Brother's Ghost
Ardagh, Philip	The Eddie Dickens trilogy; Unlikely Exploits series
Banks, Lynne Reid	Harry, the Poisonous Centipede; The Indian in the Cupboard series
Blackman, Malorie	Cloudbusting; Hacker
Cole, Steve	Astrosaurs series
Colfer, Eoin	The Legend of Spud Murphy; Artemis Fowl series
Cooper, Susan	The Boggart; The Dark is Rising series
Cross, Gillian	Demon Headmaster series; The Great Elephant Chase
Dahl, Roald	Danny, Champion of the World; Matilda

Fine, Anne	Crummy Mummy and Me; Charm School
Gates, Susan	Vampire Spiders; Killer Mushrooms ate my Gran
Gliori, Debi	Pure Dead ... and Deep ... series
Horowitz, Anthony	The Switch; Granny; The Diamond Brothers stories
Ibbotson, Eva	The Secret of Platform 13 ; Journey to the River Sea
Johnson, Pete	Ghost Dog ; Trust me, I'm a Troublemaker
McCaughrean, Geraldine	Smile!; The Six Storey House
McDonald, Megan	Judy Moody series
Morpurgo, Michael	Wreck of the Zanzibar; Why the Whales Came
Nimmo, Jenny	Griffin's Castle ;Snow Spider trilogy; Charlie Bone series
Pullman, Philip	The Firework Maker's Daughter; Count Karlstein
Rix, Jamie	The Fire in Henry Hooter; Bugs on the Brain
Snicket, Lemony	A Series of Unfortunate Events (13 titles)
Riddell, Chris	Stewart, Paul and Fergus Crane; Hugo Pepper
Strong, Jeremy	My Brother's Famous Bottom; Chicken School
Swindells, Robert	Nightmare Stairs; Inside the Worm
Umansky, Kaye	Solomon Snow and the Stolen Jewel; The Spellovision Song Contest
Ure, Jean	Fruit and Nutcase; Girls Stick Together !
Wilson, Jacqueline	Cliffhanger; Double Act; Bed and Breakfast Star
Worman, Ceri	The Secret Life of Jamie B. series

Extension list

Some of these stories may require more stamina!

Boyce, Frank Cottrell	Millions
Byars, Betsy	Eighteenth Emergency
*Corder, Zizou	Lion Boy
*Funke, Cornelia	Dragon Rider
*Garner, Alan	Elide
Hiassen, Carl	Hoot!
*Higson, Charlie	Silverfin
*Hoffman, Mary	Stravaganza: City of Masks
*Hunter, Erin	Warrior Cats
*Kerr, Judith	When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
*Le Guin, Ursula	The Wizard of Earthsea
Lively, Penelope	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Magorian, Michelle	Goodnight Mister Tom
*Ogilvy, Ian	Measle and the Wrathmonk
*Paver, Michelle	Wolf Brother
*Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief

***series**

Classics	
Peter Pan	J.M. Barrie
Wizard of Oz	F. Baum
Secret Garden	F.H. Burnett
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling

Modern Classics	
Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
Stig of the Dump	Clive King
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis
The Borrowers	Mary Norton
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
Silver Sword	Ian Serraillier
101 Dalmatians	Dodie Smith

Railway Children	E. Nesbit
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
Treasure Island	R.L. Stevenson
Gulliver's Travels	J. Swift

Eagle of the Ninth	R. Sutcliff
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien
Machine Gunners	R. Westall
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White