

Recommended Crackingly Good Reads for Years 5 and 6

Traditional Tales – Legends

Sir Gawain and the Loathly Lady - Selina Hastings
Don Quixote - Marcia Williams
Arthur: The Seeing Stone - Kevin Crossley-Holland
Beowulf – K. Crossley-Holland
The Story of Robin Hood – R. Leeson
Arthur, High King of Britain – Michael Morpurgo
The Tale of Tales – Tony Mitton
Myths and Legends – Anthony Horowitz
Arion and the Dolphin – Vikram Seth
Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling

Suspense and Mystery

Snow horse and other stories – Joan Aiken
Snaggletooth's mystery – Gene Kemp
Shock forest and other stories – Margaret Mahy
Room 13 – Robert Swindells
The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd
No Such Thing as Dragons - Philip Reeve
Cosmic - Frank Cottrell Boyce
Flood Child - Emily Diamand

Fiction from our Literary Heritage

Narnia Stories – CS Lewis
Harry Potter series – JK Rowling
Billy the Kid – Michael Morpurgo
Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo
Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens
Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
Stig of the Dump – Clive King
Snow Spider – Jenny Nimmo
Macbeth for Kids - Louis Burdett
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase – Joan Aiken
Peter Pan – J. M. Barrie
A Christmas Carol (Eyewitness classics) – Charles Dickens
The Hound of the Baskervilles – Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (adapted by Chris Mould)
The Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Grahame
The Jungle Book – Rudyard Kipling
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
Mary Poppins – P.L. Travers
Stories from Dickens - Edward Blishen
Stories from Shakespeare - Geraldine McCaughrean
Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce

Fiction Genres

Fantasy

Skellig – David Almond
The Various – Steve Augarde
Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer
The Bag of Bones – Vivian French
Inkheart trilogy – Cornelia Funke
Coraline – Neil Gaiman
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner
Pure Dead Magic – Debi Gliori
Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
Truckers – Terry Pratchett
The Spiderwick Chronicles – Lynne Reid Banks
Goblins series – Philip Reeve
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
The Amulet of Samarkand – Jonathon Stroud
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making – Catherynne M. Valente
Tanglewreck – Jeanette Winterson

Science Fiction

Supernaturalist – Eoin Colfer
Grinny: Grinny and You Remember Me – Nicholas Fisk
Among the Hidden – Margaret Peterson Haddix
Double Identity – Margaret Peterson Haddix
Maphead – Lesley Howarth
The Giver – Lois Lowry
Other Worlds: 10 Amazing Sci Fi Stories – Rick Riordan
Timesnatch – Robert Swindells
Hydra – Robert Swindells

Chilling Stories

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror – Chris Priestley
Horowitz Horror – Anthony Horowitz
Breathe – Cliff McNish
At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry
Chill – Alex Nye
Tales from the Tunnel's Mouth – Chris Priestley
Tales of Terror from the Black Ship – Chris Priestley
Marianne Dreams – Catherine Storr

Real Life

Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman (science/ethics)
Tangerine – Edward Bloor (blindness)
The Eighteenth Emergency – Betsy Byars (bullying)
The 10PM Question – Kate De Gold (worry/anxiety)
Running on Cracks – Julia Donaldson (running from home – mature themes)
Step by Wicked Step – Anne Fine (step parenting)
Dead End in Norvelt – Jack Gantos (boredom, friendship)
Love, Aubrey – Suzanne LaFleur (family)
Hangman - Julia Jarman (bullying)
The View from Saturday – E.L. Konisburg (friendship)
The Other Side of Truth – Beverly Naidoo (refugee)

Wonder – R.J. Palacio (appearance)

Adventure

Noah Barleywater Runs Away – John Boyne

Ruby Holler – Sharon Creech

Danny: the champion of the world – Roald Dahl

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo

Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz

The Devil and his Boy – Anthony Horowitz

Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – E. L. Konigsburg

Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood – Tony Lee

The Ghost of Thomas Kempe – Penelope Lively

Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeves

Varjak Paw – S. F. Said

The Invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznick

Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick

War

Warboy – Michael Foreman

Once/Now/Then/After – Morris Gleitzman

Goodnight, Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian

War Horse – Michael Morpurgo

At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry

Johnny and the bomb – Terry Pratchett

My Friend the Enemy – Dan Smith

The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall

Carrie's War – Nina Bawden

Doodlebug Summer – Alison Price

Soldier Dog – Sam Angus

Mysteries

Chasing Vermeer – Blue Bailliett

The Crossroads – Chris Grabenstein

Silver Fin – Charlie Higson

The Case of the London Dragonfish – Joan Lennon

The Sign of the Black Dagger – Joan Lingard

Magnus Finn and the Selkie Secret – Janis Mackay

Out of the Depths – Cathy MacPhail

Flood and Fang – Marcus Sedgwick

Humour

How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell
How to Speak Dragonese - Cressida Cowell
The Meanwhile Adventures – Roddy Doyle
Boom! – Mark Haddon
Ribblestrop – Andy Mulligan

Goblins series – Philip Reeve
Holes – Louis Sachar
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom – Louis Sachar
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat – Dave Shelton
Gangsta Granny – David Walliams
Ratburger – David Walliams

Animals

The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byars
The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo
Charlotte's Web – E.B.White
Flush – Carl Hiaasen
One Boy and His Dog – Eva Ibbotson
A Coyote in the House – Elmore Leonard
The Call of the Wild – Jack London
Going Home –Cliff McNish
Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
Catscape – Mike Nicholson
Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
The Outlaw Varjack Paw – S.F. Said
Black Beauty – Anna Sewell