

YEAR 5

Gr8 Reads



FICTION READING LISTS FOR FREE READERS

Adventure Stories

Stormbreaker

by Anthony Horowitz

Orphan Alex thought he knew his uncle, Ian Rider, until he is killed in a tragic car accident. Immediately, Alex's life starts to get stranger by the day as people start showing up and contradicting everything Alex thought he knew about him. Surely the bullet holes in his Uncle's totalled car reveal that he had not died in an accident, but was murdered?

A Series of Unfortunate Events Book 1: The Bad Beginning

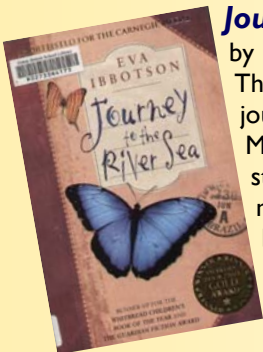
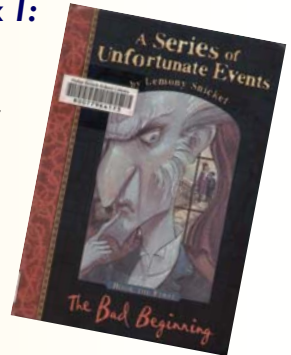
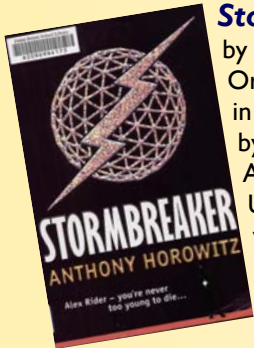
by Lemony Snicket

The Baudelaire siblings are enjoying a day at the beach when Mr Poe comes through the fog to find them. He has very bad news. Their house has burned to the ground and their parents are dead. To honour their father's wishes, they are sent to live with Count Olaf. He treats them like slaves but that's just the beginning. He also wants to take over their trust fund, and will stop at nothing to do so.

Journey to the River Sea

by Eva Ibbotson

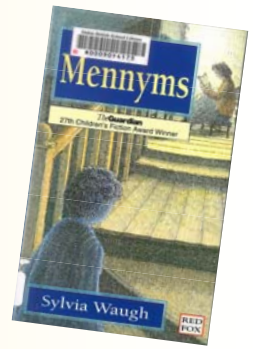
This is an adventure story full of magic and discovery about a journey to another world. Maia, accompanied by her governess Miss Minton, leaves the familiar comforts of her boarding school to start a new life with distant relatives who live 1000 miles from the mouth of the Amazon. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences beyond their imagination. More importantly, they learn one of life's hardest lessons – to conquer their fears and embrace the unknown.



The Mennymys

by Sylvia Waugh

From the outside, 5 Brocklehurst Grove looks like an ordinary house. From the inside, to hear the voices of inhabitants, the Mennym family, you would think they were a perfectly ordinary family too. The whole family, however, shares an astonishing secret behind which it's hidden for 40 years, a secret to which nobody has come even close. . . until now.



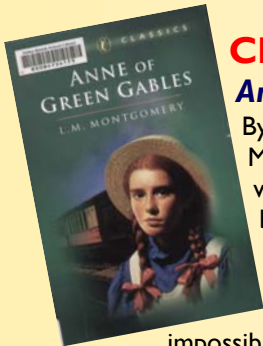
Classic Stories

Anne of Green Gables

By L.M. Montgomery

Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert are in for a big surprise. They are waiting for an orphan boy to help with the work at Green Gables but a skinny, red-haired girl turns up instead. Feisty and full of spirit, Anne Shirley charms her way into the Cuthberts' affection with her vivid imagination and constant chatter. It's not long before Anne finds herself in trouble, but soon it becomes

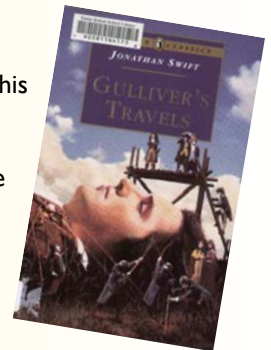
impossible for the Cuthberts to imagine life without 'their' Anne.



Gulliver's Travels

by Jonathan Swift

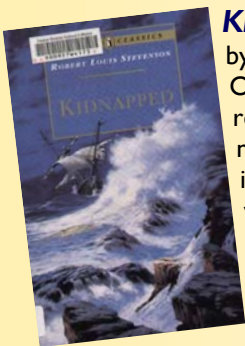
Gulliver sees life in many different ways during the course of his exciting voyages around the world. In Lilliput, he is a giant among a race of people who are only six inches high; in Brobdingnag he seems tiny compared with the giants who live there; and in Houyhnhnms, horses rule and the 'humans' are treated like animals. Life back in England seems very ordinary when he returns.



Kidnapped

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Orphaned and penniless, David Balfour sets out to find his last living relative. Uncle Ebenezer, however, is far from welcoming and David narrowly escapes being murdered before being kidnapped and imprisoned on a ship bound for the Carolinas. After the ship is wrecked, David and his friend Alan Breck make their way back across the Highlands on their quest for justice.

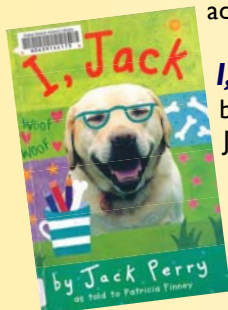
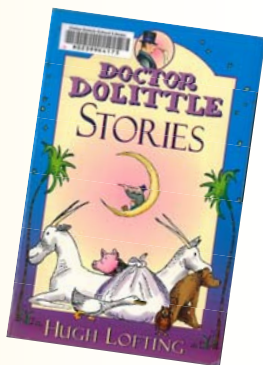


Animal Stories

Doctor Dolittle Stories

by Hugh Lofting

Once upon a time, there was a doctor, and his name was Dolittle. Doctor Dolittle liked animals. In fact, he liked them so much he filled his house with every kind of creature imaginable and even learned to talk their language. When the Doctor hears of a terrible sickness among the monkeys in Africa, he and his animal friends set off on the most unforgettable adventure. . .



I, Jack

by Patricia Finney

Jack lives with his Pack (Packleader also known as Dad), Pack Lady (Mum), their three apedog puppies (Terri, Pete and Mikey) and some very superior cats. Read Jack's story and discover how he meets the Beautiful Girl Dog who moves in next door, goes on a Big Food Hunt – and finally has to stand alone against some terrifying Big Huge Metal Monsters...

Fantasy

Chrestomanci series: Charmed Life

by Diana Wynne Jones

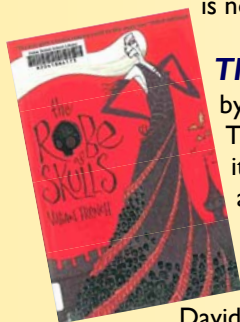
Welcome to the worlds of Chrestomanci where magic is as common as mathematics – and twice as troublesome in the wrong hands! Everybody says that Gwendolyn Chant is a gifted witch with astonishing powers, so it suits her enormously when she is taken to live in Chrestomanci Castle. Her brother Eric is not so keen, for he has no talent for magic at all.



The Robe of Skulls

by Vivian French

The sorceress Lady Lamorna has her heart set on a new robe. To get it she will stop at nothing, including kidnapping, blackmail and more than a little black magic.



The Fire Within

by Chris d'Lacey

David soon discovers the dragons when he moves in with Liz and Lucy. The pottery models fill up every spare space in the house! Only when David is given his own special dragon does he begin to unlock their mysterious secrets, and to discover the fire within.



Over Sea Under Stone

by Susan Cooper

A holiday in Cornwall and the discovery of an ancient map lead to a search for Arthurian treasure. But Simon, Jane and Barney soon realise that dark forces are against them. As their enemies make themselves known, so the danger the children face becomes increasingly frightening.



Charlie Small: Charlie in the Underworld

HELP! I'm trapped miles below the earth's surface in the utterly unbelievable UNDERWORLD. Will I ever escape? Read this journal to find out!

Humorous Stories

The Bagthorpes: Ordinary Jack

by Helen Cresswell

Everybody in Jack's family seems to be brilliant – apart from Jack and his downtrodden dog Zero. Even his little sister can beat him at swimming. But Jack's uncle Parker has come up with a plan to make him and Zero shine: they'll pretend that Jack can tell the future! If only they could foresee what chaos the plan will cause.



Realistic Fiction

Replay

by Sharon Creech

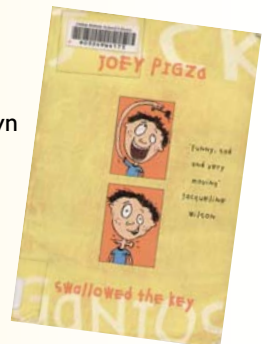
When a young boy becomes involved in his school play, he takes on not just the role of 'the old crone' but also a journey of discovery about his family. A wonderful drama ensues, both in school and at home as the boy's relationship with his father becomes truer and more honest when some secrets buried in a dusty box in the attic are unveiled.



Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key

by Jack Gantos

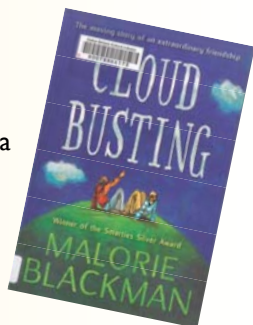
Joey is undoubtedly a handful: his tendency to literally spin down the school halls or bounce around the kitchen can, understandably drive the adults in his life insane. But Joey has Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and he really has no control over his actions. He just does whatever pops into his head. And if that includes swallowing a key, then so be it...



Cloudbusting

by Malorie Blackman

Davey is a new boy and Sam can't stand him. He thinks Davey is a first-class, grade A, top-of-the-dung-heap moron. When the two are thrown together, however, Sam discovers that Davey's eccentric way of looking at the world makes life a whole lot more exciting. Until something terrible happens. . .



Happiness and All That

by Karen McCombie

Sadie isn't anything like her stage-school obsessed twin brother, Sonny. She's not into sing-a-longs or smiley faces or group hugs. Sonny wants to be a superstar. Sadie just wants a quiet life. Maybe that's the craziest dream of all.



Even more books to choose from. . .

If this leaflet has inspired you to read and you need even more books to choose from, then here is the full Year 5 list.

Adventure

A.N.T.I.D.O.T.E. by Malorie Blackman
Dangerous Reality by Malorie Blackman
Adventure Stories by Andrew Davidson
Adventure series by Price Willard
Aquila by Norris Andrew
Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz
Point Blanc by Anthony Horowitz
Skeleton Key by Anthony Horowitz
Eagle Strike by Anthony Horowitz
Scorpia by Anthony Horowitz
Ark Angel by Anthony Horowitz
Snakehead by Anthony Horowitz
Astrosaurus series by Steve Cole
Avril Crump and her Amazing Clones by Avril Woolfe
Avril Crump and the Lucky 13 by Angela Woolfe
Avril Crump and the Slumber Code by Angela Woolfe
Biggles and Co by Capt. W.E. Johns
Biggles Defends the Desert by Capt. W.E. Johns
Castaways of the 'Flying Dutchman' by Brian Jacques
Dido and Pa by Joan Aiken
Awful End by Philip Ardagh
Dreadful Acts by Philip Ardagh
Dubious Deeds by Philip Ardagh
The Final Curtain by Philip Ardagh
Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kastner
Emil and the Three Twins by Erich Kastner
Fish by L.S. Matthews
Adventure series by Enid Blyton

Famous Five series by Enid Blyton
Horrendous Habits by Philip Ardagh
Terrible Times by Philip Ardagh
The Fall of Fergal by Philip Ardagh
Inkdeath by Cornelia Funke
Inkheart by Cornelia Funke
Inkspell by Cornelia Funke
Jane Blonde: Sensational Spylet by Jill Marshall
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
Lady Daisy by Dick King-Smith
Lexi by L.S. Matthews
Midwinter Nightingale by Joan Aiken
Molly Moon Stops the World by Georgia Byng
Molly Moon, Micky Minus and the Mind Machine by Georgia Byng
Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism by Georgia Byng
Moon Man by David Donohue
Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh Robert C. O'Brien
Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry
Race for the Lost Keystone by Val Rutt
Shadow of the Minotaur by Alan Gibbons
The Angel's Command by Brian Jacques
The Bear Nobody Wanted by Allan Ahlberg
The Borrowers series by Mary Norton
A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
The Star of Kazan by Eva Ibbotson
The White Horse Gang by Nina Bawden
Black Hearts in Battersea by Joan Aiken
Limbo Lodge by Joan Aiken
Night Birds on Nantucket by Joan Aiken

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken

Mrs Pepperpot Stories by Alf Proysen

Animal Stories

A Mouse Called Wolf by Dick King-Smith

After the Flood by L.S. Matthews

Doctor Dolittle Stories by Hugh Lofting

I, Jack by Patricia Finney

Jack and the Police Dog Rebel by Patricia Finney

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

Mighty Fizz Chilla by Philip Ridley

My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara

Saddle Up: Horse and Pony Stories by Christine Pullein-Thompson

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling

The Queen's Nose by Dick King-Smith

The Sheep Pig by Dick King-Smith

Wild at Heart by Michael Morpurgo

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

The Tales of Olga da Polga series by Michael Bond

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

Woof! by Allan Ahlberg

Autobiography

Jacky Daydream by Jacqueline Wilson

Classic Stories

Anne of Green Gables series by L.M. Montgomery

Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

Party Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

Dancing Shoes by Noel Streatfeild

White Boots by Noel Streatfeild

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

Daddy-Long-Legs by Jean Webster

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

Kidnapped by R.L. Stevenson

King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table by Roger Lancelyn Green

Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Little Lord Fauntleroy by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Little Princess: The Story of Sarah Crewe by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Pinocchio by Carlo Collodi

Pollyanna by Eleanor H. Porter

Pollyanna Grows Up by Eleanor H. Porter

The Happy Prince and Other Stories by Oscar Wilde

The Princess and the Goblin by George MacDonald

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson

Coming-of-Age Stories

Amy Peppercorn series by John Brindley

Do Not Read Any Further by Pat Moon

Fantasy and Supernatural Stories

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III series by Cressida Cowell

Agent Angel series by Annie Dalton

Carbonel by Barbara Sleigh

Bag of Moonshine by Alan Garner

Beyond the Deepwoods: The Edge Chronicles 1 by Paul Stewart

Stormchaser: The Edge Chronicles 2 by Paul Stewart

Midnight Over Sanctaphrax: The Edge Chronicles 3 by Paul Stewart

Curse of the Gloomglazer: The Edge Chronicles 4 by Paul Stewart

The Last of the Sky Pirates: The Edge Chronicles 5 by Paul Stewart

Vox: The Edge Chronicles 6 by Paul Stewart

Freeglader: The Edge Chronicles 7 by Paul Stewart

Winter Knights: The Edge Chronicles 8 by Paul Stewart

Clash of the Sky Galleons: The Edge Chronicles 9 by Paul Stewart

Blue Boa by Jenny Nimmo

Charlie Bone and the Castle of Mirrors by Jenny Nimmo

Charlie Bone and the Hidden King by Jenny Nimmo

Midnight for Charlie Bone by Jenny Nimmo

Time Twister by Jenny Nimmo

Snow Spider by Jenny Nimmo

Charmed Life by Diana Wynne Jones

Lives of Christopher Chant by Dianna Wynne Jones

Magicians of Caprone by Diana Wynne Jones

Witch Week by Diana Wynne Jones

Mixed Magics by Diana Wynne Jones

Spellbound: Fantasy Stories by Diana Wynne-Jones

Count Karlstein by Philip Pullman

Dragon Keeper by Carole Wilkinson

Dragon Keeper: Garden of the Purple Dragon by Carole Wilkinson

Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke

Dream Master Nightmare! by Theresa Breslin

Eldor by Alan Garner

Fire Star by Chris D'Lacey

The Eternal Fire by Chris D'Lacey

Fire Within by Chris D'Lacey

Icefire by Chris D'Lacey

Freeze-Framed: Time Runners by Richards Justin

Glubbslyme by Jacqueline Wilson

Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling

Here Be Monsters by Alan Snow

High Rhulain by Brian Jacques

Hounds of the Morrigan by Pat O'Shea

In Thunder's Pocket by Joan Aiken

Kingdom of Carbonel by Barbara Sleigh

Loamhedge by Brian Jacques

Magic Shop Series by Bruce Coville

Redwall series by Brian Jacques

Monster Mission by Eva Ibbotson

The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson

Which Witch? by Eva Ibbotson

Not Just a Witch by Eva Ibbotson

Moon of Gomrath by Alan Garner

Science Fiction Stories by Karin Littlewood

Sebastian Darke: Prince of Fools by Philip Caveney

Sebastian Darke: Prince of Pirates by Philip Caveney

The Children of Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

The Chimneys of Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

The River at Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

An Enemy at Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

A Stranger at Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

An Enemy at Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

The Stones of Green Knowe by Lucy M. Boston

The Dragon's Eye by Dugald A. Steer

The Dream Master by Theresa Breslin

The Farthest-Away Mountain by Lynne Reid Banks

The Girl With the Broken Wing by Heather Dyer

The Little Sea Horse by Helen Cresswell

The Magic Finger by Roald Dahl

The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

The Phoenix and the Carpet by E. Nesbit

Five Children and It by E. Nesbit

The Story of the Amulet by E. Nesbit

The Story of the Treasure Seekers by E. Nesbit

The Tail of Emily Windsnap by Liz Kessler

The Various by Steve Augarde

The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum
Thief by Malorie Blackman
Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke
The Touchstone by Andrew Norriss
Tumbleweed by Dick King-Smith
Urchin of the Riding Stars by M.I. McAllistair
Vinegar Street by Philip Ridley
Warriors of the Raven by Alan Gibbons
Weirdstone of Brisngamen by Alan Garner
Whispering to Witches by Anna Dale
Historical Fiction
Brind and the Dogs of War by Christopher Russell
I, Coriander by Sally Gardner
The Devil and His Boy by Anthony Horowitz
Victory by Susan Cooper
Ghost Stories
Dial a Ghost by Eva Ibbotson
The Beasts of Clawstone Castle by Eva Ibbotson
The Great Ghost Rescue by Eva Ibbotson
The Haunting of Hiram by Eva Ibbotson
Ghostly Beasts by Joan Aiken
Groosham Grange by Anthony Horowitz
Return to Groosham Grange by Anthony Horowitz
Marianne Dreams by Catherine Storr
Spinetingers: Ghoulisn Ghost Stories by Robert Westall
The Oxford Book of Scarytales by Dennis Pepper
Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce
Vampyr Legion by Alan Gibbons
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively
Humorous Stories
A Coyote's in the House by Elmore Leonard
Chewing the Seatbelt by Andrew Daddo
Cliffhanger by Jacqueline Wilson
Edgar and Ellen: Rare Beasts by Charles Ogden
Granny by Anthony Horowitz
How to Survive Summer Camp by Jacqueline Wilson
I am Spartapus by Robin Price
Jessica Haggerthwaite: Media Star by Emma Barnes
Jessica Haggerthwaite: Witch Dispatcher by Emma Barnes
Maggot Pie by Michael Lawrence
Ryan's Brain by Michael Lawrence
The Iron, the Switch and the Broom Cupboard by Michael Lawrence
The Killer Underpants by Michael Lawrence
The Toilet of Doom by Michael Lawrence
Sir Gadabout series by Martyn Beardsley
Professor Branestawm by Norman Hunter
Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow by Kaye Umansky
The Bagthorpes: Absolute Zero by Helen Cresswell
The Bagthorpes: Ordinary Jack by Helen Cresswell
The Bagthorpes: Unlimited by Helen Cresswell
The Eighteenth Emergency by Betsy Byars
William and the Hidden Treasure by Richmal Crompton
William and the Prize Cat by Richmal Crompton
William's Birthday by Richmal Crompton
William's Day Off by Richmal Crompton
William's Haunted House by Richmal Crompton
William's Wonderful Plan by Richmal Crompton
Arabel and Mortimer by Joan Aiken
Arabel's Raven by Joan Aiken
Mortimer and the Sword Excalibur by Joan Aiken
Mortimer, Arabel and the Escaped Black Mamba by Joan Aiken

Mortimer's Bread Bin by Joan Aiken
The Spiral Stair by Joan Aiken
The Giant Baby by Allan Ahlberg
Myths, Legends and Fairy Tales
Aladdin and Other Tales from Arabian Nights by N.J. Dawood
Fables by Aesop
Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Andersen
Myths and Legends by Anthony Horowitz
Odyssey: Oxford Myths and Legends by Barbara Picard
Rip Van Winkle and Other Stories by Washington Irving
Sinbad the Sailor and Other Tales from Arabian Nights by N.J. Dawood
Tales of Ancient Egypt by Pauline Baynes
Tales of the Greek Heroes by Pauline Baynes
Tales of Troy by Pauline Baynes
Mystery and Crime Stories
Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett
I Know What You Did Last Wednesday by Anthony Horowitz
Lee Raven, Boy Thief by Zizou Corder
Public Enemy Number Two by Anthony Horowitz
The Three of Diamonds by Anthony Horowitz
The Falcon's Malteser by Anthony Horowitz
South by South East by Anthony Horowitz
The Greek Who Stole Christmas by Anthony Horowitz
The Blurred Man by Anthony Horowitz
The French Confection by Anthony Horowitz
The Switch by Anthony Horowitz
Take a Good Look by Jacqueline Wilson
Whodunnit? by Philip Pullman
Hacker by Malorie Blackman
Poetry
100 Best Poems for Children by Roger McGough
Bad, Bad Cats by Roger McGough
How to Avoid Kissing Your Parents in Public by Lindsay MacRae
New Faber Book of Children's Poems by Matthew Sweeney
One Hundred Years of Poetry for Children by Michael Harrison
Oxford Book of Story Poems by Michael Harrison
Oxford Treasury of Classic Poems by Michael Harrison
Silly Verse for Kids by Spike Milligan
Sky in the Pie by Roger McGough
Realistic Fiction
Bad Girls by Jacqueline Wilson
Ballet Stories by Harriet Castor
Blubber by Judy Blume
Buried Alive! by Jacqueline Wilson
Chicken Friend by Nicola Morgan
Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman
Dare Game by Jacqueline Wilson
Dear Olly by Michael Morpurgo
Do Not Read This Book by Pat Moon
Double Act by Jacqueline Wilson
Double Fudge by Judy Blume
Fudge-a-mania by Judy Blume
Iggie's House by Judy Blume
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
Kick-Off: An Unbeatable Story by Donna King
Long Way Home by Michael Morpurgo
Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great by Judy Blume
Replay by Sharon Creech
Fame School series by Cindy Jeffries

Secrets and Lies and my Sister Kate by Belinda Hollyer
Sleepovers by Jacqueline Wilson
Starring Sally J. Freeman as Herself by Judy Blume
Starring Tracy Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson
Superfast — Out of Control by Louis Sachar
Superfudge by Judy Blume
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume
The Bed and Breakfast Star by Jacqueline Wilson
The Family from One-End Street by Eve Garnett
The Lottie Project by Jacqueline Wilson
The Mum Minder by Jacqueline Wilson
The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden
The Rope and Other Stories by Philippa Pearce
The Story of Tracy Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson
The Suitcase Kid by Jacqueline Wilson
The Truth About Josie Green by Belinda Hollyer
The Worry Website by Jacqueline Wilson
Thief in the Village by James Berry
Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler by Gene Kemp
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos
Joey Pigza Loses Control by Jack Gantos
What Would Joey Do? by Jack Gantos

True Stories

Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder
Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
On the Banks of Plum Creek by Laura Ingalls Wilder

War

Carrie's War by Nina Bawden
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo
The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Time Bomb by Nigel Hinton



This list was published in 2009 and it will continue to grow on the OPAC and will hopefully be republished in the future.

GENRE focus

To inform you about different genres

Adventure (Action) stories – this genre often overlaps with other genres like war stories, sea stories, science fiction and fantasy. A book usually becomes classified as adventure when an exciting undertaking involving risk and physical danger is a main theme of the story; it is also common for the fast-paced plot to focus on the actions of the hero figure within the setting.

Classic stories – these are stories that were written a long time ago but have endured the test of time and are still relevant and popular. It tends to be the case that the themes of the story are still meaningful for readers in the present day. The classic stories highlighted in this reading list with their year of first publication are: *Anne of Green Gables* (1908), *Gulliver's Travels* (1726), and *Kidnapped* (1886).

Fantasy – this features stories set in fanciful, invented worlds, more fanciful versions of our own world, or in a mythical past. Fantasy stories generally involve magic, mystical elements or supernatural creatures. There is often an overlap with science fiction stories and some are hard to differentiate between the two genres.

This list is great but I want to know more!



We have only made this list to get you started there are so many ways for you to find out more about fiction.

- **Browse** the library shelves... remember the five finger rule!
- **Look** in bookshops and tell the library if there are any great books they don't have!
- **Search** on Olly ... the library's OPAC (computer database)
- **Research** on the Internet with your parents there are so many great website with ideas. Try starting with www.kidsreview.org.uk
- Look at the Year 4 and Year 6 reading lists!

Most important – ask your teacher... ask the librarians!