



**Recommended reading lists (7+ through  
to 11+ extension)**



## **7+ Reading Recommendations**

## Recommended fiction for 7+ readers

### A

Harry Miller's Run by David Almond  
My Dad's a Birdman by David Almond  
The Boy Who Climbed into the Moon by David Almond  
Amelia Fang Series by Laura Ellen Anderson  
The Green Men of Gressingham by Philip Ardagh  
The Red Dragons of Gressingham by Philip Ardagh

### B

The Train to Impossible Places by P.G. Bell  
The Green Ship by Quentin Blake  
The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton  
Paddington Bear Series by Michael Bond  
Noah Barleywater Runs Away by John Boyne  
Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs  
The Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler

### C

The Bolds Series by Julian Clary  
Werewolf Club Rules by Joseph Coelho  
Mary's Hair by Eoin Colfer  
The Dog Who Lost His Bark by Eoin Colfer  
The Fish in the Bathtub by Eoin Colfer  
The Legend Of Captain Crow's Teeth by Eoin Colfer  
The Legend Of The Worst Boy In The World by Eoin Colfer  
Mango & Bambang Series by Jenny Colgan  
The Long Lost Secret Diary of the World's Worst Pirate by Tim Collins  
How To Train your Dragon Series by Cressida Cowell  
Just William Series by Richmal Crompton

### D

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl  
Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl  
The BFG by Roald Dahl  
The Bomber Balloon by Terry Deary  
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo  
Another Night Before Christmas by Carol Ann Duffy  
New and Collected Poems for Children by Carol Ann Duffy

### E

My Naughty Little Sister by Dorothy Edwards  
The Sprites' Den by Jessica Ennis-Hill  
Small Change for Stuart by Lissa Evans

### F

Me and Mister P by Maria Farrer  
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh  
The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher  
The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch by Tom Fletcher

The Wolf's Story by Toby Forward

### G

Fortunately the Milk ... by Neil Gaiman  
Fairy Detective series by Sally Gardner  
Operation Bunny by Sally Gardner  
The Family from One End Street by Eve Garnett  
The Doll People by Ann Godwin Martin

### H

A Pinch of Magic by Michelle Harrison  
The Diamond Brothers Series by Anthony Horowitz  
Legends! Battles and Quests by Anthony Horowitz  
The Last Polar Bears by Harry Horse  
The Lion and the Unicorn by Shirley Hughes  
The Iron Man by Ted Hughes

### I

The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson  
One Dog and his Boy by Eva Ibbotson  
Little House in the Big Woods by Laura Ingalls Wilder

### J

Kid Normal by Greg James and Chris Smith  
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

### K

Emil and the Detectives by Erich Kästner  
The Curse of the School Rabbit by Judith Kerr  
Animal Tales by Dick King-Smith  
Aristotle by Dick King-Smith  
Henry Pond the Poet by Dick King-Smith  
Mouse Family Robinson by Dick King-Smith  
The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith

### L

The Fastest Boy in the World by Elizabeth Laird  
Danny Dingle's Fantastic Finds Series by Angie Lake  
Podkin One-Ear by Kieran Larwood  
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren  
Ronja the Robber's Daughter by Astrid Lindgren

### M

The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKensie  
Hari and His Electric Feet by Alexander McCall Smith  
School Ship Tobermory by Alexander McCall Smith  
The Sands of Shark Island by Alexander McCall Smith  
Judy Moody Series by Megan McDonald  
The Accidental Billionaire by Tom McLaughlin  
The Naming of Tishkin Silk by Glenda Millard  
Winne the Pooh by A.A. Milne  
Gobbolino the Witch's Cat by Ursula Moray Williams  
My Best Friend the Suffragette by Sally Morgan  
An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpurgo  
Because a Fire Was in My Head by Michael Morpurgo  
Billy the Kid by Michael Morpurgo

Born To Run by Michael Morpurgo  
Clare and Her Captain by Michael Morpurgo  
Coming Home by Michael Morpurgo  
Cool! by Michael Morpurgo  
Homecoming by Michael Morpurgo  
Kaspar Prince of Cats by Michael Morpurgo  
I Believe in Unicorns by Michael Morpurgo  
Little Manfred by Michael Morpurgo  
Meeting Cezanne by Michael Morpurgo  
My Father is a Polar Bear by Michael Morpurgo  
Not Bad for a Bad Lad by Michael Morpurgo  
Pinocchio by Michael Morpurgo  
Snug by Michael Morpurgo  
The Best of Times by Michael Morpurgo  
The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo  
The Castle in the Field by Michael Morpurgo  
The Dancing Bear by Michael Morpurgo  
The Fox and the Ghost King by Michael Morpurgo  
The Giant's Necklace by Michael Morpurgo  
The Last Wolf by Michael Morpurgo  
The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy

## NO

The Chocolate Factory Ghost by David O'Connell

## P

Timmy Failure series by Stephan Pastis  
Monster Slayer by Brian Patten  
Tom Gates: Family, Friends and Furry Creatures by Liz Pichon  
Girls FC Do Goalkeepers Wear Tiaras? by Helena Pielichaty  
Billy Wizard by Chris Priestley  
Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp by Philip Pullman  
Count Karlstein by Philip Pullman  
I Was A Rat! by Philip Pullman  
The Firework-maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman  
The Wickford Doom by Chris Priestley

## QR

The Boy At the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Raúf  
Eternal Seas The Relic Hunters by Lexi Rees  
Buster Bayliss Series by Philip Reeve  
Cakes in Space by Philip Reeve  
Jinks and O'Hare Funfair Repair by Philip Reeve  
Oliver and the Seawigs by Philip Reeve  
Pugs of the Frozen North by Philip Reeve  
Goth Girl Series by Chris Riddell  
Ottoline Series by Chris Riddell  
Winston and the Marmalade Cat by Megan Rix  
Peace Lily by Hilary Robinson  
Harry Potter Series by J. K. Rowling  
Weird Street Series by Margaret Ryan

## S

Marvin Redpost Series by Louis Sachar

The True Story of the Three Little Pigs by A. Wolf by Jon Scieszka

The Book Case by Dave Shelton

Mr. Penguin and the Lost Treasure: Book 1 by Alex T. Smith

Mr Penguin and the Fortress of Secrets: Book 2 by Alex  
T. Smith

Corby Flood by Paul Stewart

Free Lance and the Lake of Skulls by Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell

Muddle Earth by Paul Stewart Muddle Earth Too by Paul Stewart

My Mum's Going To Explode! by Jeremy Strong The Ice Palace by Robert Swindells

## TU

Jemmy Button by Jennifer Uman

## V

## W

Bad Dad by David Walliams

The World's Worst Children by David Walliams Maisie Hitchens Mystery Series by Holly Webb The Lost  
Treasure by Holly Webb

The Winter Animal Collection by Holly Webb Violet and the Mummy Mystery by Harriet Whitehorn

Pirate Mcsnottbeard in the Zombie Terror Rampage by Paul Whitfield

Christopher Mouse by William Wise

## X

## Y

Little Leap Forward: A Boy in Beijing by Guo Yue

## Z



## **9+ Reading Recommendations**

## Recommended fiction for 9+ readers

### A

My Name is Mina by David Almond  
Slog's Dad by David Almond  
Skellig David Almond  
The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas by David Almond  
The Tale of Angelino Brown by David Almond  
The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson  
Soldier Dog by Sam Angus  
The Middler by Kirsty Applebaum  
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate  
School for Skylarks by Sam Angus

### B

Chase by Linwood Barclay  
Rubies and Runaways by Janine Beacham  
A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman  
The Secret Series by Pseudonymous Bosch  
Stay Where You Are and Then Leave by John Boyne  
Blowback by Chris Bradford  
Young Merlin by Tony Bradman  
Cogheart by Peter Bunzl

### C

Mollie On The March by Anna Carey  
Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll  
The Somerset Tsunami by Emma Carroll  
The Lady Grace Mysteries by Grace Caveendish  
Ruby Redfort Series by Lauren Child  
Airman by Eoin Colfer  
Artemis Fowl Series by Eoin Colfer  
Half Moon Investigations by Eoin Colfer  
Once Upon a Place by Eoin Colfer  
The Seal's Fate by Eoin Colfer  
W.A.R.P. series by Eoin Colfer  
Stunt Double by Tamsin Cooke  
The Wizards of Once Series by Cressida Cowell  
Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce  
Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell-Boyce  
My Side of the Mountain Trilogy by Jean Craighead  
George  
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech  
Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

### D

The London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd  
Treason by Berlie Doherty  
The Storm Keeper's Island by Catherine Doyle  
Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper  
A Laureate's Choice: 101 Poems for Children Chosen  
by Carol Ann Duffy  
The Hat by Carol Ann Duffy  
New and Collected Poems for Children by Carol Ann  
Duffy

A Place Called Perfect by Helena Duggan

### E

The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day by Christopher Edge  
Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats by T.S. Eliot  
Rumblestar by Abi Elphinstone

### F

The Clockwork Crow by Catherine Fisher  
Twister by Juliette Forrest  
Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke  
Dragon Rider: The Griffin's Feather by Cornelia Funke  
Inkheart Trilogy by Cornelia Funke

### G

Coraline by Neil Gaiman  
The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman  
Olivia Stage School Series by Lyn Gardner  
I Coriander by Sally Gardner  
The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner  
The Silver Blade by Sally Gardner  
Once by Morris Gleitzman  
Then by Morris Gleitzman  
Now by Morris Gleitzman  
After by Morris Gleitzman  
Soon by Morris Gleitzman  
Maybe by Morris Gleitzman  
Boy Overboard by Morris Gleitzman  
To the Edge of the World by Julia Green

### H

The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Woods by Samuel J.  
Halpin  
A Skinful of Shadows by Frances Hardinge  
Brightstorm by Vashti Hardy  
The Silver Donkey by Sonya Hartnett  
Flush by Carl Hiaasen  
Scat by Carl Hiaasen  
Young Bond Series by Charlie Higson  
The Boy Who Flew by Fleur Hitchcock  
The Goose Road by Rowena House  
Boy In The Tower by Polly Ho-Yen  
Alex Rider Series by Anthony Horowitz  
The Power of Five Series by Anthony Horowitz  
Floodworld by Tom Hiddleston

### I

The Dragonfly Pool by Eva Ibbotson  
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson  
The Secret of Platform 13 by Eva Ibbotson  
Star of Kazan by Eva Ibbotson

### J

Redwall Series by Brian Jacques  
The Considine Curse by Gareth P. Jones

The Thornthwaite Inheritance by Gareth P. Jones

## K

Pog by Pádraig Kenny

Tin by Pádraig Kenny

Emily Windsnap Series by Liz Kessler

The Wild Magic Trilogy by Celine Kiernan and

Victoria Semykina

Alex Sparrow and the Really Big Stink by Jennifer

Killick

## L

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai

A House without Walls by Elizabeth Laird

Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird

The Roman Mysteries Series by Caroline Lawrence

Gorilla Dawn by Gill Lewis

Sky Hawk by Gill Lewis

Skulduggery Pleasant Series by Derek Landy

## M

Casson Family Series by Hilary McKay

The Skylarks' War by Hillary McKay

The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran

Millwood-Hargrave

Alone on a Wide Wide Sea by Michael Morpurgo

An Eagle in the Snow by Michael Morpurgo

A Medal for Leroy by Michael Morpurgo

Arthur High King Of Britain by Michael Morpurgo

Because a Fire Was in My Head by Michael Morpurgo

Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo

Dear Olly by Michael Morpurgo

Escape from Shangri-La by Michael Morpurgo

Farm Boy by Michael Morpurgo

Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo

Half a Man by Michael Morpurgo

Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Morpurgo

Little Foxes by Michael Morpurgo

Listen to the Moon by Michael Morpurgo

Long Way Home by Michael Morpurgo

My Friend Walter by Michael Morpurgo

Outlaw The Story of Robin Hood by Michael

Morpurgo

Out Of The Ashes by Michael Morpurgo

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo

Shadow by Michael Morpurgo

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight by Michael

Morpurgo

Sparrow: The Story of Joan of Arc by Michael

Morpurgo

The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips by Michael

Morpurgo

The Best Christmas Present in the World by

Michael Morpurgo

The Mozart Question by Michael Morpurgo

The White Horse Of Zennor by Michael Morpurgo

Twist Of Gold by Michael Morpurgo

Waiting For Anya by Michael Morpurgo

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

War Of Jenkins' Ear by Michael Morpurgo

Wartman by Michael Morpurgo

Why The Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo

## N

## O

## P

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

Killing Ground by Tom Palmer

Gods and Warriors Series by Michelle Paver

Chronicles of Ancient Darkness by Michelle Paver

A Hat Full of Sky by Terry Pratchett

I Shall Wear Midnight by Terry Pratchett

The Shepherd's Crown by Terry Pratchett

The Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett

Wintersmith by Terry Pratchett

Flesh and Blood by Chris Priestley

The Last of the Spirits by Chris Priestley

South Sea Adventure by Willard Price

The Adventures of the New Cut Gang by Philip

Pullman

## Q

The Eye of the North by Sinead O'Hart

The Star-Spun Web by Sinéad O'Hart

## R

Larklight series by Philip Reeve

Mortal Engines Series by Philip Reeve

No Such Thing As Dragons by Philip Reeve

Guardians of Magic by Chris Riddell

The Bomber dog by Megan Rix

The Hero Pup by Megan Rix

A Soldier's Friend by Megan Rix

Good Dog McTavish by Meg Rosoff

Harry Potter Series by J. K. Rowling

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell

The Wolf Wilder by Katherine Rundell

## S

Fuzzy Mud by Louis Sachar

Holes by Louis Sachar

Pig City by Louis Sachar

Small Steps by Louis Sachar

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom by Louis Sachar

Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders

Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick

The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick

My Evil Twin is a Supervillain by David Solomons



Frozen in Time by Ali Sparkes

The Guggenheim Mystery by Robin Stevens and Siobhan Dowd

A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

When Did You See Her Last by Lemony Snicket

A Murder Most Unladylike Mystery Series by Robin Stevens

Laura Marlin Mystery Series by Lauren St. John

## T

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson

The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson

The Ghouls of Howlfair by Nick Tomlinson

The Last Wild Series by Piers Torday

There May Be a Castle by Piers Torday

## U

Montmerency Series by Eleanor Updale

## V

## W

Grandpa's Great escape by David Walliams

Gangsta Granny by David Walliams

Lilly Series by Holly

WebbRose Series by

Holly Webb

The City of Secret Rivers by Jacob Sager

WeinsteinGoodly and Grave Series by Justine

Windsor

Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk

The Mystery of the Clockwork Sparrow by

KatherineWoodfine

Lady Mary by Lucy Worsley

Chrestomanci Series by Diana Wynne Jones

## X

## Y

The Road To Ever After by Moira Young

## Z

Twelve Nights by Andrew Zurcher



Recommended Classics and Extended reading  
list 10 + and 11+

## Recommended classics and extended reading list

### A

Watership Down by Richard Adams  
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase by Joan Aiken  
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott  
Skellig by David Almond

### B

Peter Pan by J.M. Barrie  
The Wizard Of Oz by L Frank Baum  
The Peppermint Pig by Nina Bawden  
Carrie's War by Nina Bawden  
The Children of Green Knowe by Lucy Boston

### C

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll  
Through the Looking Glass by Lewis Carroll  
The Guardians by John Christopher  
What Katy Did Series by Susan Coolidge  
King of the Shadows by Susan Cooper  
The Boggart by Susan Cooper  
The Dark is Rising Series by Susan Cooper  
Stonestruck by Helen Cresswell  
The Demon Headmaster by Gillian Cross  
The Demon Headmaster: Total Control by Gillian Cross

### D

Rumpelstiltskin and Other Grimm Tales by Carol Ann Duffy  
Faery Tales by Carol Ann Duffy  
The Ingo Chronicles by Helen Dunmore

### E

The House of Rats by Stephen Elboz  
The Breadwinner Trilogy by Deborah Ellis  
The Neverending Story by Michael Ende

### F

Harriet The Spy by Louise Fitzhugh  
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

### G

Smith by Leon Garfield  
Shakespeare Stories by Leon Garfield  
The Little White Horse by Elizabeth Goudge  
Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

### H

The Finders by Nigel Hinton  
The Mouse and His Child by Russell Hoban  
A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett  
I am David by Anne Holm

### I

Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

### J

### K

The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tiler by Gene Kemp  
Stig of the Dump by Clive King  
The Water Babies by Charles Kingsley  
The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

### L

King Arthur And His Knights Of The Round Table by Roger Lancelyn Green  
Tales of the Greek Heroes by Roger Lancelyn Green  
The Earthsea Quartet by Ursula Le Guin  
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle  
Narnia Series by C. S. Lewis  
Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren  
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe by Penelope Lively  
The Call Of The Wild by Jack London

### M

Back Home by Michelle Magorian  
Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian  
The Haunting by Margaret Mahy  
Thunder and Lightnings by Jan Mark  
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery

### N

Journey To Jo'burg by Beverly Naidoo  
Five Children and It by E. Nesbit  
The Phoenix and the Carpet by E. Nesbit  
The Story of the Amulet by E. Nesbit  
The Railway Children by E. Nesbit  
The Tree That Sat Down by Beverley Nichols  
The Snow Spider Trilogy by Jenny Nimmo  
The Borrowers by Mary Norton

### O

Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brien

### P

A Dog So Small by Phillipa Pearce  
Tom's Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce  
Book for Dust Series by Philip Pullman  
Dark Materials Series by Philip Pullman  
Lyra's Oxford by Philip Pullman  
The Ghost Drum by Susan Price

### Q

### R

Swallows and Amazons by Arthur Ransome

The Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks  
Haroun and the Sea of Stories by Salman Rushdie

## S

The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier  
Black Beauty by Anna Sewell  
Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein  
Heidi by Johanna Spyri  
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson  
Ballet Shoes by Noel Streatfield  
Gulliver by Jonathan Swift

## T

The Cay by Theodore Taylor  
The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien  
The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R Tolkien  
The Runaways by Ruth Thomas  
Mary Poppins by P.L. Travers  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

## U

## V

Walkabout by James Vance Marshall  
Journey To The Centre Of The Earth by Jules Verne

## W

The Kingdom by the Sea by Robert  
WestallMachine Gunners by Robert  
Westall  
Charlotte's Webb by E. B.  
WhiteStuart Little by E. B.  
White  
The Trumpet of the Swan by E. B.  
WhiteThe Sword In The Stone by T.  
H. White Tarka the Otter by Henry  
Williamson  
Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones

## X

## Y

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

## Z