



## Reading List suitable for 10 – 11-year-olds

This list is only a **guide** and a **starting point**.

There are lots of ways to find new and exciting books for your children to read:

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**Go and browse in bookshops and libraries.** Your children can look at the cover, look at the blurb and have a look inside to see if it is going to be the right book for them. Ask the librarians or shop assistants for recommendations.

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**Speak to other parents and children.** Many of the books on this list have been recommended by pupils in the school.

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**Speak to teachers.** If you are still struggling to find books that will suit your child then speak to the teachers.

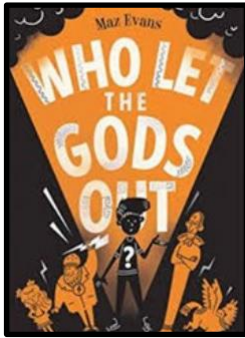
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**Use the internet.** There are lots of websites that have suggestions for young readers. One website which is particularly helpful is [www.whonextguide.com](http://www.whonextguide.com). This website allows you to type in the name of an author and then it gives you suggestions about what you can read next.

This list has not included any **poetry** or **non-fiction**.

It is not hard to find age-appropriate **poetry** in shops and libraries. Look for an anthology that appeals to your child. **Nonsense poems** and **funny poems** can often be a good place to start.

In terms of non-fiction it is often good to start with newspapers, like **First News**. Children can also look for magazines and books about **topics that interest them**. There are good reference sections in bookshops and libraries.

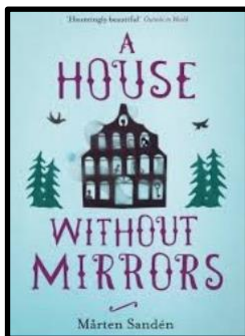
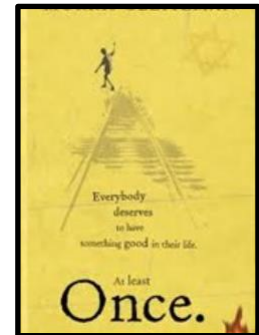


### **Who Let The Gods Out** by Maz Evans

Elliot's mum is ill and his home is under threat, but a shooting star crashes to earth and changes his life forever. The star is Virgo - a young Zodiac goddess on a mission. But the pair accidentally release Thanatos, a wicked death daemon imprisoned beneath Stonehenge, and must then turn to the old Olympian gods for help.

### **Once** by Morris Gleitzman

Once is about a Jewish boy named Felix, who lived in Poland and is on a quest to find his book-keeper parents after he sees Nazis burning the books from a Catholic orphanage library in which he stays

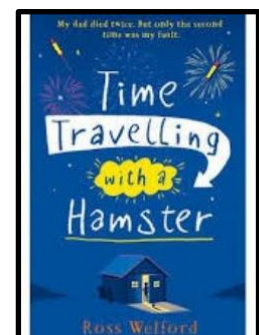


### **A House Without Mirrors** by Marten Sanden

Thomasine is staying in the dusty house of her great-great aunt who is dying. Her father has withdrawn into himself, following her brother's death. But one day her young cousin makes a strange discovery: there is a wardrobe full of mirrors that lead to a different world.

### **Time Travelling With My Hamster** by Ross Welford

On Al Chaudhury's twelfth birthday his beloved Grandpa Byron gives him a letter from Al's late father. In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life.



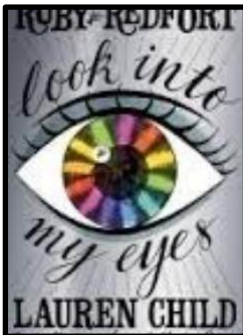
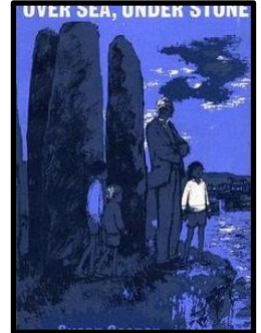


### Poison by Chris Wooding

Poison has always been a wilful, contrary girl, prone to being argumentative and stubborn. So when her sister is snatched by the mean spirited fairy, she seeks out the Phairie Lord to get her back. But finding him isn't easy, and the quest leads Poison into a murderous world of intrigue, danger and deadly storytelling.

### Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper

Simon, Jane and Barnabas are on a summer trip visiting their mysterious uncle in Trewissick, a small and ancient village, just over the border of Cornwall, England. It is fabled that Cornwall is the land of that once and future King, Arthur Pendragon.

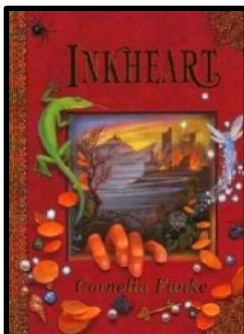
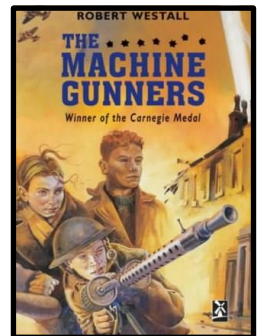


### Ruby Redfort: Look in to my Eyes by Lauren Child

Ruby Redfort is no ordinary 13-year-old school girl. Blessed with an extraordinary talent for spotting things which others seldom notice, she lands an undercover job as a code-breaker for secret spy organisation, Spectrum. This is the beginning of a code-cracking quest in which Ruby attempts to thwart the plans of the evil 'Fools Gold Gang' to steal a priceless historic artefact.

### The Machine Gunners by Robert Westall

Set during the Second World War, the story follows six children living in the fictional town of Garmouth which regularly suffers bombing raids by the German Luftwaffe. When Chas McGill finds a crashed German Heinkel 111 bomber he removes a fully operational *machine* gun and over 2,000 rounds of ammunition. But how can the group of friends keep this exciting secret safe from others?



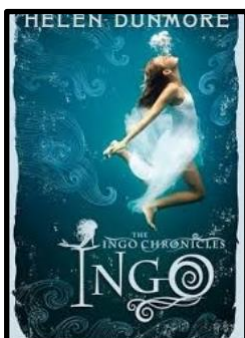
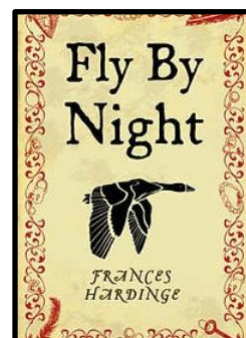
### Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Mo has the special talent to bring characters out of books. One night he brings out three characters from Inkheart, a story set in medieval times and filled with magical beings, Capricorn and Basta, two villains, and Dustfinger, a fire-eater.



### Fly by Night by Frances Hardinge

Twelve-year-old Mosca Mye hasn't got much. Her parents are dead, her cruel uncle keeps her locked away and her only friend is her pet goose. But she *does* have one small, rare thing: the ability to read. In a world where books are dangerous things, this gift will change her life but it may also be the death of her.

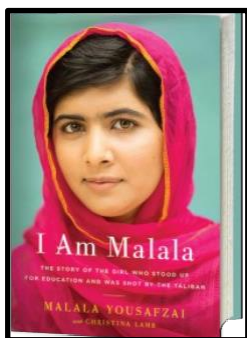


### Ingo by Helen Dunmore

Sapphire's father mysteriously vanishes into the waves off the Cornwall coast where her family has always lived. She misses him terribly and she longs to hear his spellbinding tales about the Mer, who live in the underwater kingdom of Ingo. Perhaps that is why she imagines herself being pulled like a magnet toward the sea. But when her brother, Conor, starts disappearing for hours on end, Sapphy starts to believe she might not be the only one who hears the call of the ocean.

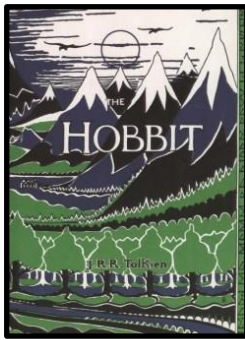
### Death and the Arrow by Chris Priestley

Fifteen-year-old Tom lives in the murky city of London where he helps his father run a print shop. Among the customers is wise old Dr. Harker, a retired physician and seafarer. Both Tom and Harker become intrigued by a murder in the city where the victim is pierced by an arrow and left holding an illustrated card of "Death and the Arrow." The mystery deepens after more "Death and the Arrow" victims are discovered, and Tom cannot rest until he has uncovered the truth behind the murders.



### I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an **education**. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price.

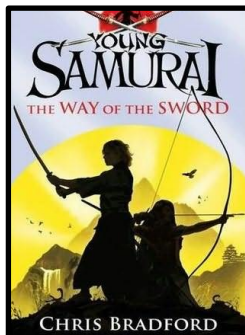


### **The Hobbit** by J.R.R. Tolkien

Bilbo Baggins lives a simple life with his fellow hobbits in the shire until the wizard Gandalf arrives and convinces him to join a group of hobbits on a quest to reclaim the kingdom of Erebor. The journey takes Bilbo on a path through treacherous lands swarming with orcs, goblins and other dangers, not least of which is an encounter with Gollum.

### **Silverfin (Young James Bond)** by Charlie Higson

James Bond is a new boy at Eton and must learn the ropes quickly, while fending off the bullying tactics of Lord Helleborne and his cronies. Travelling to Scotland to spend the holidays with his uncle and aunt, he discovers that Lord Helleborne owns a castle nearby. A local lad has gone missing near the castle, “Red” Kelly’s cousin, and James is helping Kelly to find his cousin, when they come across the secret Lord Helleborne is hiding.



### **The Way of the Sword** by Chris Bradford

After a vicious ninja attack left him orphaned and stranded in Japan, Jack Fletcher managed to complete his first year of samurai school. The prejudice of his Japanese classmates has gained him dangerous enemies within his school, and Dragon Eye the ninja, who killed his father, is still after him.

### **Floodland** by Martin Sedgwick

Floodland takes place in the near future, where most of the United Kingdom is submerged under water. Norwich has become an island, with food and water increasingly scarce. The story follows the journey of Zoe, a young girl who accidentally gets left behind by her parents during a boat evacuation from the island.

