



Dyslexia-friendly Books

Did you know that 1 in 5 people are dyslexic?

Dyslexia-friendly Books use a font that appears less crowded on the page for example: Arial, Comic Sans, Calibri. Letter and word spacing is larger to improve readability as are wider margins, short lines and paragraphs. Paper is also important. Matt paper is better than gloss, and cream is a better alternative to white as shiny white paper can appear too dazzling. The paper should also be thick enough to prevent the other side showing through.

Listed below is only a small selection of books from a wide range of genres specifically written for dyslexic and reluctant readers. These are aimed at students in Years 7 and 8 and is only a guide.

Many of these titles are available for students to borrow from the school library.

Adventure

A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman

Candy Girl by Karen McCombie

Five Hundred Miles by Kevin Brooks

The Secret Lake by Karen Inglis

Tin Boy by Steve Cole and Oriol Vidal

Welcome to Trashland by Steve Cole

Classics

Animal Farm (Barrington Stoke edition) by George Orwell

Christmas Carol by (Barrington Stoke edition) by Charles Dickens

Jane Eyre: A Retelling by Tanya Landman

Monster Slayer: A Beowulf Tale – A Retelling by Brian Patten

Of Mice and Men (Barrington Stoke edition) by John Steinbeck

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (Barrington Stoke edition) by R L Stevenson

The World of Greek Mythology by Ben Spies

Wuthering Heights: A Retelling by Tanya Landman

Family/Home/Relationships/Life's Challenges

A Bad Day for Jayden by Tony Bradman

A Fistful of Feathers by Linda Jones

I Spy by Andrew Newbound

Last Days of Archie Maxwell by Annabel Pitcher

Mate Match by Pete Johnson

One Shot by Tanya Landman

Second Best Friend by Non Pratt

Swan Song by Gill Lewis

The Disconnect by Keren David

The Family Tree by Mal Peet

The Great Food Bank Heist by Onjali Q. Rauf and Elisa Paganelli

The Harder They Fall by Bali Rai

The Humiliations of Welton Blake by Alex Wheatle

The Lost Diary of Sami Star by Karen McCombie

The Mystery of Me by Karen McCombie

The Small Things by Lisa Thompson

Thicker Than Water by Anne Cassidy

Thin Ice by Chris Powling

Under the Skin by Cathy MacPhail

Zebra Crossing Soul Song by Sita Brahmachari

Fantasy/Magical

Houdini and the Five-Cent Circus by Keith Gray

The Evil Within by Catherine MacPhail

The Evil Within: How Young Henry Jekyll Became Mr Hyde

Unicorn Rescue by Keith Robinson

Historical

After the War: From Auschwitz to Ambleside by Tom Palmer and Violet Tobacco

Passing for White by Tanya Landman

Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story by Catherine Johnson

The Last Hawk by Elizabeth Wein

Tragedy at Sea: The Sinking of the Titanic by David Long and Stefano Tambelli

Under Cover of Darkness by Pat Thomson

Until We Win by Linda Newbery

White Eagles by Elizabeth Wein

White Feather by Catherine and David MacPhail

Horror and Ghost

The Beast of Harwood Forest by Dan Smith

The Front Room by Michelle Magorian

The Ghost Tower by Gillian Cross

The Invasion of Crooked Oak by Dan Smith and Chris King

Humour

Anna Gain by Guy Bass & Steve May

Diary of a Trainee Rock God by Jonathan Meres

Help! By Alison Prince

Jason Banks and the Pumpkin of Doom by Gillian Cross

The Cupcake Wedding by Gillian Cross

The Fiendish Revenge of Leroy Jones by Vivian French

The Spectacular Revenge of Suzi Sims

Mystery

Pike by Anthony McGowan

The Mystery of Craven Manor by Joy Woodhams

Science Fiction

Virus by Chris Bradford

Science and Nature

Eagle Warrior by Gill Lewis

Fox Friend by Michael Morpurgo

Lark by Anthony McGowan

Rook by Anthony McGowan

Run Wild by Gill Lewis

The Dog That Saved the World Cup by Phil Earle

The Truth of Things by Anthony McGowan

Thin Ice by Chris Powling

World Burn Down by Steve Cole and Oriol Vidal

Social Issues

Knife Edge by Robert Swindells

Sport

Football Crazy (series) by Tony Bradman

Game On by Bali Rai

Home Ground by Alan Gibbons

Keeper by Alan Gibbons

Offside by Paul Stewart

The Walter Tull Story by Michaela Morgan

Thriller

Blowback by Chris Bradford

Bulletcatcher (series) by Chris Bradford

On the Edge (series) by Nigel Hinton

Persist by Melvin Burgess

Thriller (continued)

The Devil's Angel by Kevin Brooks

The Liar's Handbook by Keren David

Thin Ice by Chris Powling

Virtual Kombat: Virus by Chris Bradford

Wave by Robert Swindells

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