

**Suggested Books for Years 5 and 6**

Below is a wide range of fantastic fiction, non-fiction and poetry books that are aimed at able children in Upper Key Stage Two (aged 9-11). They cover an array of topics and themes, details of some of these can be found on the following websites:

[www.clpe.org.uk](http://www.clpe.org.uk) [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk) [www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews](http://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews)

**Developing Readers**

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| **Anancy and Mr Dry- Bone** | Fiona French | **The Stepsister’s Story** | Kaye Umansky |
| **Asterix, the Gaul** | Goscinny | **Juggling with Gerbils** | Brian Patten |
| **Clown** | Quentin Blake | **The Sad Book** | Michael Rosen |
| **Count Karlstein** | Phillip Pullman | **The Wolves in The Wall** | Neil Gaiman |
| **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** | Jeff Kinney | **Where the Forest Meets the Sea** | Jeanie Baker |
| **Artemis Fowl, The Graphic Novel** | Eoin Colfer | **The Suitcase Kid** | Jacqueline Wilson |
| **Billionaire Boy** | David Walliams | **A Pocketful of Stars** | Aisha Bushby |
| **Conker Boy** | Michael Morpurgo | **Akissi: Even More Tales of Mischief** | Marguerite Abouet |
| **Fantastic Mr Fox** | Roald Dahl | **Children of the Benin Kingdom** | Dinah Orgi |
| **Fungus the Bogeyman** | Raymond Briggs | **Harriet Tubman: A journey to Freedom** | Sandra A Agard |
| **Daft Jack and the Beanstalk** | Laurence Anholt | **Planet Omar** | Zanib Mian |
| **Hiccup: How to Train Your Dragon** | Cressida Cowell | **The Story of Afro Hair** | Kandace Chimbiri |
| **The Story of The Windrush** | K.N. Chimbiri | **Artichoke Hearts** | Sita Brahmachari |
| **When Stars Are Shattered** | Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed | **Fangs** | Malorie Blackman |
| **Too Small Tola** | Atinuke | **Asha &The Spirit Bird** | Jasbinder Bilan |
| **The Last Bear** | Hannah Gold | **Thirteen Unpredictable Tales** | Paul Jennings |
| **War and Peas** | Michael Foreman | **The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish** | Neil Gaiman |
| **You’re A Bad Man, Mr Gum** | Andy Stanton | **Stormbreaker: The Graphic Novel** | Anthony Horowitz |
| **Living with Vampires** | Jeremy Strong | **The Journey** | Francesca Sanna |

**Confident Readers**

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| **Me, My Dad and the End Of The Rainbow** | Benjamin Dean | **Carrie’s War** | Nina Bawden |
| **The 1000- year- old Boy** | Ross Welford | **Holes** | Louis Sachar |
| **No Ballet Shoes in Syria** | Catherine Bruton | **Pig Heart Boy** | Malorie Blackman |
| **Rooftoppers** | Katherine Rundell | **Private Peaceful** | Michael Morpurgo |
| **Shadow Jumper** | J.M. Forster | **Northern Lights** | Philip Pullman |
| **Murder Most Unladylike** | Robin Stevens | **The Bubble Boy** | Stewart Foster |
| **Silver Sword** | Ian Serailler | **The Alex Rider Series** | Anthony Horowitz |
| **The Wolves of Willoughby Chase** | Joan Aiken | **The Boy At The Back of The Class** | Onjali Q Rauf |
| **Who Let the Dogs Out?** | Maz Evans | **Skellig** | David Almond |
| **Wonder** | RJ Palacio | **Once** | Morris Gleitzman |
| **Letter from The Lighthouse** | Emma Carroll | **Secrets of The Sun King** | Emma Carroll |
| **Beetle Boy** | M.G.Leonard | **Bird** | Crystal Chan |
| **Journey to the River Sea** | Eva Ibbotson | **Lion Boy** | Zizou Corder |
| **The Graveyard Book** | Neil Gaiman | **The House with Chicken Legs** | Sophie Anderson |
| **The Machine Gunners** | Robert Westall | **The Girl of Ink and Stars** | Kiran Millwood Hargrave |
| **Artemis Fowl** | Eoin Colfer | **Wolf Brother** | Michelle Paver |
| **Booked** | Kwame Alexander | **Floodland** | Marcus Sedgwick |
| **Flush** | Carl Hiaasen | **The Murderer’s Ape** | Jakob Wegelius |
| **Goodnight Mister Tom** | Michelle Magorian | **The Nowhere Emporium** | Ross Mackenzie |
| **The Song from Somewhere Else** | A F Harrold | **The London Eye Mystery** | Siobhan Dowd |
| **Cogheart** | Peter Bunzi | **The Mystery of The Clockwork Sparrow** | Katherine Woodfine |
| **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** | Brian Selznick | **A boy Called Hope** | Lara Williamson |
| **Seabean** | Sarah Holding | **My Swordhand is Singing** | Marcus Sedgwick |
| **The Other Side of The Truth** | Beverley Naidoo | **The Wheel of Surya** | Jamila Gavin |
| **Oranges in No Man’s Land** | Elizabeth Laird |  |  |

**Information Books**

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| **Women in Science** | Rachel Ignotosfky | **Line of Fire** | Barroux |
| **A Short History of Nearly Everything** | Bill Bryson | **Maps** | Aleksandra Mizielinska, Daniel Mizielinska |
| **Let’s Talk About Where Babies Come From** | Robie H Harris | **My Secret War Diary, by Flossie Albright** | Marcia Williams |
| **My Name is Book. An Autobiography** | John Agard | **Long Walk to Freedom** (picture book) | Nelson Mandela |
| **The Complete Philosophy Files** | Stephen Law | **Shackleton’s Journey** | William Grill |
| **We Are All Born Free. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures** | Various | **Who Are Refugees and Migrants? What Makes People Leave Their Homes?** | Rose, Michael and Young, Annemarie |
| **What Mr Darwin Saw** | Mick Manning | **The Egyptian Echo** | Paul Dowswell |
| **War Boy** | Michael Foreman | **If the World Were a Village** | Adam Murphy |

**Poetry**

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| **The Highwayman** | Alfred Noyes | **The Language of cat and other poems** | Rachel Rooney |
| **Off Road to Everywhere** | Philip Gross | **Goldilocks on CCTV** | John Agard |
| **Classic Poetry** | Michael Rosen | **Falling Out of the Sky. Poems about Myths and Monsters** | Rachel Piercey and Emma Wright |
| **Cosmic Disco** | Grace Nichols | **Collected Poems for Children** | June Crebbin |
| **Sensational Poems inspired by the five senses** | Roger McGough | **Michael Rosen’s A to Z. The Best Children’s Poetry from Agard to Zephaniah** | Michael Rosen |
| **Wonderland, Alice in Poetry** | Michaela Morgan | **You Tell Me** | Rosen, Michael and McGough, Roger |
| **A Kid in My Class** | Rachel Rooney | **Being Me: Poems About Thoughts and Feelings** | Liz Brownlee  Matt Goodfellow  Laura Mucha |