Books to make you cry...

* = These books are appropriate for most younger readers (Year 6 and above)
YA = written for young adults (12/13+)

Lost by Eve Ainsworth

Little Women by Louisa M Alcott *

Crossover or Booked by Kwame Alexander (YA)

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson (YA)

The Travelling Cat Chronicles by Hiro Arikawa

Sounder by William Armstrong *

Life After Life or A God in Ruins by Kate Atkinson

The Memory Book by Lara Avery (YA)

Boy Underwater by Adam Baron *

The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin *

Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman (YA)

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne *

Tell the Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt

Letters From the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll *

Perks of Being a Wallflower - Stephen Chbosky (YA)

The Dog Who Lost His Voice by Eoin Colfer *

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech *

One, Moonrise or Toffee by Sarah Crossan (YA)

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tullane by Kate DiCamillo *

Love Letters to the Dead by Ava Dellaira (YA)

Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly (YA)

A Swift Pure Cry by Siobhan Dowd (YA)

Before I Die by Jenny Downham (YA)

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper *

Little Bits of Sky or Running on Empty-SE Durrant *

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine *

If I Stay & Where She Went by Gayle Forman (YA)

Check Mates by Stewart Foster



Lennie's Book of Everything by Karen Foxlee *

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillion *

The Year of the Rat or How Not To Disappear by Clare Furniss *

Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin *

The Fault in Our Stars or Looking For Alaska by John Green (YA)

Marley and Me: Life and Love With the World's Worst Dog by John Grogan

Far From the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy

Paper Butterflies by Lisa Heathfield (YA)

Strange Meeting by Susan Hill

The Outsiders by SE Hinton (YA)

Slammed by Colleen Hoover (YA)

The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini

Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes

Hold Back the Stars by Katie Khan

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

The Optician of Lampedusa by Emma Kirby

Love, Aubrey by Suzanne LaFleur (YA)

Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai *

Red Sky in the Morning by Elizabeth Laird *

In Darkness by Nick Lake (YA)

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

We Were Liars by E Lockheart (YA)

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Lark by Anthony McGowan

Rain Reign by Ann Martin *

Out of Heart by Irfan Master (YA)

Private Peaceful, War Horse or Butterfly Lion by M. Morpurgo *

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

Me Before You by JoJo Moyes

The Sky Is Everywhere by Jandi Nelson (YA)

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness *



One Day by David Nicholls

Ways to Live Forever by Sally Nicholls *

No Fixed Address by Susin Nielsen*

Time Traveller's Wife by Audrey Niffeneger

All the Bright Places or Holding up the Universe by Jennifer Niven

(YA)

Only Ever Yours by Louise O'Neill (YA)

Wonder by RJ Palacio

Planet Earth is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos

Bridge to Terebithia by Katherine Paterson *

Pax by Sarah Pennypacker *

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney *

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece; Ketchup Clouds by Annabel Pitcher *

The Boy At the Back of the Class or The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Rauf *

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls *

Black Heart Blue or **Gloves Off** by Louisa Reid (YA)

Michael Rosen's Sad Book - Michael Rosen (KS 2/3+)

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell (YA)

Lily and the Octopus by Steven Rowley (YA)

Just Under the Clouds by Melissa Sarno *

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

Between Shades of Grey or Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys (YA)

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell *

The Great Blue Yonder by Alex Shearer *

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

A Boy Made of Blocks by Keith Stuart

Our Chemical Hearts by Krystal Sutherland (YA)

Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley (YA)

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor *

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (YA)



The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson *

There May Be a Castle by Piers Torday *

Before I go to Sleep by S.J. Watson

Code Named Verity by Elizabeth Wein (YA)

The 1,000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford *

Home Girl by Alex Wheatle

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White *

A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson *

My Sister Jodie by Jacqueline Wilson *

Saving Rafael by Leslie Wilson (YA)

Cold Hands, Warm Heart by Jill Wolfson (YA)

Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk *

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (YA)

Finding Violet Park; Broken Soup - J Valentine (YA)

It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini (YA)

My Dear I Wanted to Tell You by Louisa Young (YA)

How to Save a Life by Sarah Zarr (YA)

Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner (YA)

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin (YA)

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak (YA)





