

Recommended books for Year 5



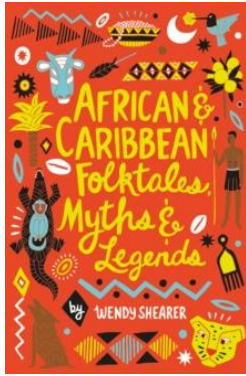
Giving children a wide variety of exciting and engaging new books to choose from is vital to their development as a reader and forms a key part of our Young Readers Programme. Here, we've put together a list of books for ages 9-10 that is sure to appeal to a broad range of interests!

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Picture books

	<p>I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott and Sydney Smith</p> <p>After a day of being unable to speak when asked, and of being stared at, a boy and his father go to the river for some quiet time. "It's just a bad speech day," says Dad. But the boy can't stop thinking about all the eyes watching his lips twisting and twirling...</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8 - 10</p>	<p>Feelings</p>
	<p>The Bird Within Me by Sara Lundberg</p> <p>A Berta is a young girl with an artistic soul growing up on a farm in the Swedish countryside at the beginning of the 20th century. Her father doesn't understand her and her mother is dying. But Berta longs to be an artist and can't stay on the farm forever.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8 - 10</p>	<p>Art & courage</p>
	<p>I am the Subway by Kim Hyo-eun and Deborah Smith</p> <p>A cinematic journey through the Seoul subway that masterfully portrays the many unique lives we travel alongside whenever we take the train. A poetic translation of the bestselling Korean picture book.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8- 10</p>	<p>Korean life</p>
	<p>A Different Pond by Bao Phi and Thi Bui</p> <p>Graphic novelist Thi Bui and acclaimed poet Bao Phi deliver a powerful, honest glimpse into a relationship between father and son—and between cultures, old and new. An unforgettable story about a simple event—a long-ago fishing trip between father and son.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 8-10</p>	<p>Families</p>

Story collections



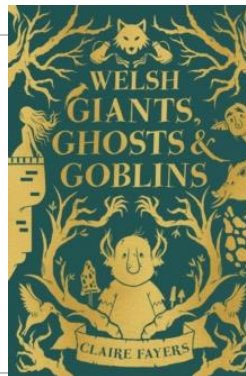
African Caribbean Folktales, Myths & Legends
by Wendy Shearer

Enjoy a rich collection of folktales, myths and legends from all over Africa and the Caribbean. From the trickster tales of Anansi the spider, to the story of how the leopard got his spots; from the tale of the king who wanted to touch the moon, to Aunt Misery's magical starfruit tree. This book includes traditional favourites and classic folktales and mythology.

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Reading age: 8 - 12

Myths & Legends



Welsh Giants, Ghosts & Goblins by Claire Fayers

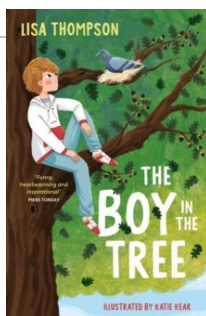
Old stories are given new life in these exciting adventures full of feisty and fun characters living in a mixture of traditional and modern worlds. 17 adventures, fairy tales and ghost stories from across Wales, retold and reimagined.

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Folk tales

Developing readers



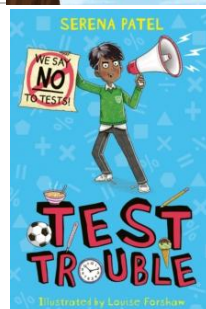
The Boy in the Tree by Lisa Thompson

Troublemaker Noah reveals hidden depths as he teams up with goodie-two-shoes Grace to save a majestic local oak tree in this uplifting tale from bestselling author Lisa Thompson.

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Friendship



Test Trouble by Serena Patel

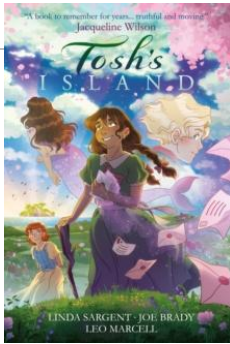
Try as he might, Arun simply cannot wriggle his way out of taking the maths test at school. He must learn to face his fears in this encouraging and relatable school story. Maths test? Nightmare! Arun is determined to get out of a Maths test at school!

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School life

	<p>Stink: Fairy vs Wizard by Jenny McLachlan</p> <p>Before you read my diary here is some stuff you need to know: 1 I'm 11 years old 2 I love drawing cartoons 3 I have two pet rats called Tony and Noah. 4 I also have a FAIRY called Stink . . .</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 - 10</p>	<p>Humour</p>
	<p>Dungeon Runners. Level 1: Hero Trial by Keiran Larwood</p> <p>This is your chance to enter the leagues and fight your way to the top! Kit has dreamed of being a Dungeon Runner all his life, although being a gnorf (part gnome, part dwarf) means he's much smaller than the other competitors. But when a space opens up for a new team, Kit doesn't want to miss this chance!</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 - 11</p>	<p>Games</p>
	<p>Lunar by Chris Bradford</p> <p>Luna loves living on the moon. She enjoys helping her father – a Moon Miner – on his search for precious minerals and rocks. But when a devastating meteor strike destroys their base, Luna is left stranded alone on the moon.</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 - 11</p>	<p>Space</p>
<p>Graphic novels</p>		
	<p>Mexikid by Pedro Martin</p> <p>Pedro is a Mexikid, a kid born in America to parents from Mexico. His whole family (all 11 of them!) will be piling into their Winnebago to drive to Mexico with one mission: to bring home their abuelito – their legendary crime-fighting grandfather</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>	<p>Family journeys</p>
	<p>Shuri and T'Challa: Into the Heartlands (A Black Panther graphic novel) by Roseanna A Brown</p> <p>Shuri and T'Challa set out to remove a curse from Wakanda in this action-packed, totally original graphic novel!</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 - 12</p>	<p>Superheroes</p>



Tosh's Island by Joe Brady

Tosh's upbringing feels close to perfect: best friends, mischief and secondary school, just around the next corner. But when chronic illness strikes, it threatens to derail everything she loves.

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Healing



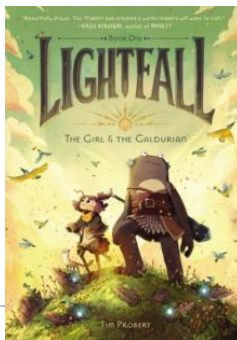
Speak Up! by Rebecca Burgess

For fans of Click and Brave, this touching coming-of-age middle grade graphic novel debut follows an autistic girl who finds friendship where she least expects it and learns to express her true self in a world where everyone defines her by her differences.

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Neurodiversity & voice



Lightfall by Tim Probert

For fans of Amulet and Star Wars, the first book of the Lightfall series introduces Bea and Cad, two unlikely friends who get swept up in an epic quest to save their world from falling into eternal darkness.

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Fantasy



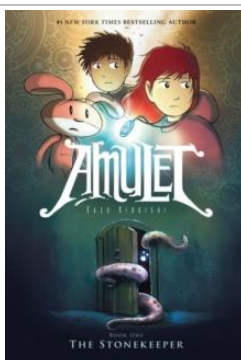
Saving Sorya: Chang and the Sun Bear by Nguyen Thi Thu Trang

When Chang discovers a bear farm near her home in Vietnam, she decides to do everything she can to save wild animals – by becoming a conservationist. But her toughest challenge comes when she makes a vow to return Sorya – the sun bear she raised from infancy – back to the wild.

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Nature



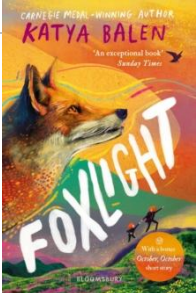
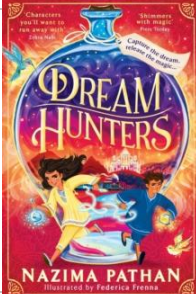

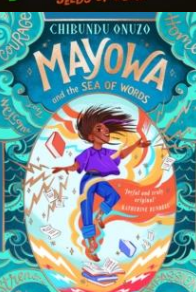

Amulet: Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

Graphic novel star Kazu Kibuishi creates a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot – and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission in this first book in this bestselling series.

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Adventure

Novels	
	<p>Foxlight by Katya Balen</p> <p>From the author of <i>October, October</i>, winner of the Yoto Carnegie Medal, comes a heartbreaking and heart-warming story about sisterhood, found family and accepting love in the most unusual and unknown places.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>Dream Hunters by Nazima Pathan</p> <p>Set in a fantasy, reimagined India where dreams can be captured and bottled, young Mimi Malou must go on a quest to save the king and rescue her parents. A gorgeous adventure dripping in magic.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9- 12</p>
	<p>Dead Yard: Seeds of Doom by P.J Killburn</p> <p>Budding film-maker Jermaine is at his great-great uncle's Dead Yard, a service for the deceased that lasts the entire night. When Jermaine spots a plate of patties - his favourite snack - he digs in immediately. But upon taking a bite he finds himself in big trouble.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>Mayowa and the Sea of Words by Chibundu Onuzo</p> <p>Ten-year-old Mayowa has always thought that her Grandpa Edward, who dyes his beard emerald green and jumps on books in private, is rather unusual too. Until one day she jumps on a book for herself, and uncovers a huge family secret ...</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>Glitter Boy by Ian Eagleton</p> <p>James loves dancing, poetry, and Mariah Carey. His teacher, Mr Hamilton, is getting married to his boyfriend and it seems that James will be part of a surprise choir performance. But James's father seems uncomfortable about the plan, and a lot of other things...</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 8 -10</p>

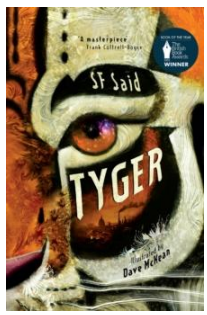

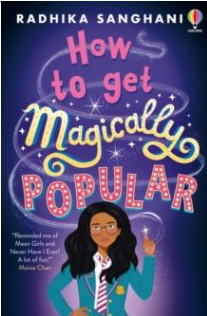


Nature
& family

Fantasy &
India

Horror

Magic

Pride

	<p>Tyger by SF Said</p> <p>Adam has found a mysterious, mythical, magical animal. A TYGER. And the tyger is in danger. Adam and his friend Zadie are determined to help, but it isn't just the tyger's life at stake. Their whole world is on the verge of destruction. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>	<p>Magic & myth</p>
	<p>Running My Own Race by Abena Eyeson</p> <p>Kofi dreams of being a professional athlete - but he soon finds following your heart isn't an easy road. Under pressure from his mum, his best friend who doesn't want him to change, his community to make them proud, and a rival who is making life hard- Kofi isn't sure where to turn.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9- 12</p>	<p>Running</p>
	<p>How to Get Magically Popular by Radika Sanghani</p> <p>Sabina Patel just wants to fit in. But in her new school, in a new town where she doesn't know anyone, Sabina feels more out of place than ever. Then she accidentally unlocks magic powers and starts to see the future, and she quickly stands out as one of the most popular girls at school.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 9- 12</p>	<p>Feelings</p>
	<p>Champions of the Galaxy by Tola Okogwu</p> <p>When a powerful group of aliens threaten Earth, a mysterious species called the Onni offers humanity hope. But there's a catch. Ninety-one children from across the planet must first prove their worth by competing in a series of trials set on a distant planet. For twelve-year-old Kola, who has long dreamed of going into space, it's the chance of a lifetime.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>	<p>Aliens</p>
	<p>The Moonlighters by Lee Newbery</p> <p>Theo finds himself alone in London. Enter Alistair Goodfellow, a mysterious, flamboyant young person with a charismatic twinkle in their eye. Each night, Alistair sends their found family of runaways, the Moonlighters, out into London in search of lost magical artefacts...</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>	<p>Adventure</p>

Non-fiction	
	<p>Break the Mould by Sinéad Burke</p> <p>Sometimes we can feel like we are not good enough. That we don't belong. Or that we want to be more like our friends. In this empowering guide, Sinéad Burke draws on her own experiences and encourages young readers to believe in themselves to make the world a fairer, more inclusive place.</p> <p>Interest age: 10+ Reading age: 9- 12</p>
	<p>Epic Factopia by Rose Davidson & Andy Smith</p> <p>Follow an ingenious trail of 400 facts about daredevils, death-defying stunts, world records, wacky weather, extreme sports, unusual animals and so much more – all of which are connected in fun and unexpected ways.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>Earth Clock: The History of Our Planet in 24 Hours by Tom Jackson</p> <p>Earth has been spinning in the blackness of Space for 4.5 billion years. People have only been around for a tiny part of it. But what happened before we arrived? Imagine if we could discover Earth's history in one day...</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson & Andrea Pippins</p> <p>Meet figureheads, leaders and pioneers such as Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, as well as cultural trailblazers and athletes like Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey and Serena Williams.</p> <p>Interest age: 9+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>
	<p>All Brains are Wonderful by Scott Evans</p> <p>Discover all about your Very Important Brain! The brain is the boss of your body. But it's more than anatomy. You might not always understand it - you might even feel like your brain is different</p> <p>Interest age: 8+ Reading age: 9 - 12</p>

Inclusion & empowerment

Fun facts

History

Black History

Brains

	<p>Science is Lit: Awesome Electricity and Mad Magnets by Big Manny</p>	<p>Alright BOOM, Big Manny is back with more amazing experiments that you can try at home! This time we're gonna be learning all about physics tings – from sound waves to circuits.</p>	<p>Interest age: 9+</p>	<p>Reading age: 9- 12</p>	<p>Science</p>
	<p>Sports: Facts at Your Fingertips</p>	<p>The ultimate pocket-sized guide to more than 120 sports, from soccer to mountain biking. All at your fingertips in this pocket-sized fact book!</p>	<p>Interest age: 9+</p>	<p>Reading age: 9- 12</p>	<p>Sports</p>
<p>Poetry</p>					
	<p>My Heart is a Poem</p>	<p>This is a book of poetry for everyone. This beautiful collection of poetry from a diverse range of poets celebrates the brilliant thing that is feelings.</p>	<p>Interest age: 9+</p>	<p>Reading age: 8- 12</p>	<p>Feelings</p>
	<p>Overheard in a Tower Block by Joseph Coelho</p>	<p>Joseph Coelho's astonishing collection is a powerful and moving poetic narrative about growing up in the city.</p>	<p>Interest age: 9+</p>	<p>Reading age: 9 - 12</p>	<p>City life</p>
	<p>Poems from a Witch's Pocket by Laura Theis</p>	<p>Nature blends with magic and sometimes more everyday concerns in these soothing, playful, empowering poems. A hard-working junior witch strides around a magical landscape, learning her craft...</p>	<p>Interest age: 10+</p>	<p>Reading age: 10 - 12</p>	<p>Magic</p>