



## Recommended Reading Bishop Wood School

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### **How to choose 'Just Right' books**

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Choose a book that interests **you**.

Look at the cover

Read the title and the author

Read the Blurb on the back

Use the **Five Finger Rule**

Think about the **5 Finger Rule** when choosing a book. Read one page and hold up a finger for each word you can't figure out.

**5** fingers held up means its too hard and you should choose a different book or ask someone to read it to you.

**4** fingers means the book might be too challenging perhaps read it with a friend or adult.

**3** fingers mean it is challenging but give it a try.

**2** fingers it's just right for you. Enjoy!

**1** finger means it's easy to read maybe try something more challenging next time.

Now and again try a new style of book or a new author. If you don't like it first time try again in a few months you may feel differently.

Authors marked with a \* are highly recommended and have written many more books than appear on the list, give them a try.

Almost all these books can be found on the Fiction shelves at Bishop Wood School but if you are having trouble locating them speak to Mrs Lloyd or ask at Tring Library. Tring Library will order any book for you for free and borrowing is free.

This list is by no means complete. If you have read something you think is great and you would like to see it added to the list so others can enjoy it too, come and tell Mrs Lloyd about it or write a short review and hand it to your teacher or Mrs Lloyd.

(Mrs Lloyd would like to build up a list of books 'recommended by other Bishop Wood pupil's'.)

## Upper School

Louisa May Alcott	Little Women
Richard Adams	Watership Down
Nina Bawden	Carries War
	The Peppermint Pig
Lucy M Boston	The Children of Green Knowe
Malorie Blackman*	Pig Heart Boy
Lewis Carroll	Alices Adventures in Wonderland
	The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
Zizou Corder	Lion Boy Trilogy
Frank Cottrell Boyce	Millions
Gilliam Cross	The Demon Headmaster
Roald Dahl*	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
	Danny Champion of the World
	The BFG
Siobhan Dowd	The London Eye Mystery
Corneilia Funke*	Dragon Rider
	Inkheart Series
	Thief Lord
Charlie Higson*	Silverfin – Young Bond Series
Frances Hodgson Burnett	The Secret Garden
Anthony Horowitz*	Myths and Legends
	Spycatcher (series)
	Diamond Brothers (series)
Ted Hughes	The Iron Man
	How the Whale Became
Eva Ibbotson*	Journey to the River Sea
	The Secret of Platform 13
	Which Witch
	The Lost Island of Tamarind
Gene Kemp	The Turbulent Term of Tyke Tyler
Clive King	Stig of the Dump
	Five Children and It
Dick King Smith*	The Waterhorse
Penelope Lively	The Ghost of Thomas Kempe
Michelle Magorian	Good Night Mr Tom
John Masefield	Box of Delights
LM Montgomery	Anne of Green Gables
Michael Morpurgo*	Private Peaceful
	The Wreck of the Zanzibar
	Why the Whales Came
	War Horse

E Nesbit	The Railway Children
Mary Norton	The Borrowers
Phillipa Pearce	Toms Midnight Garden
Christopher Paolini	Eragon (series)
Terry Pratchett*	Johnny and the Bomb (series)
Phillip Pullman*	The Firework Maker's Daughter
	Clockwork
Lynne Reid Banks	The Indian in the Cupboard
Rick Riordan*	39 Clues (series)
	Percy Jackson (series)
Louis Sachar	Holes
Anna Sewell	Black Beauty
Dodie Smith	101 Dalmations
Robert Louis Stevenson	Treasure Island
Catherine Storr	Marianne Dreams
EB White	Charlottes Web
	Stuart Little
Jacqueline Wilson*	The Lottie Project
	Double Act
	Cliff Hanger
	Glubbslyme
	Tracey Beaker
	The Illustrated Mum
Diana Wynne Jones	Howls Moving Castle

**If you like fantasy, adventure and thrillers, try these**

Malorie Blackman	Don't be Afraid
Grace Cavendish	Lady Grace Mysteries (series)
Eoin Colfer*	Artemis Fowl (series)
Siobhan Dowd	The London Eye Mystery
Corneilia Funke*	Thief Lord
	Inkheart trilogy
	Igrane the Brave
	Ghost Hunters (series)
Alan Garner	Elidor
Pippa Goodhart	Raven Boy
Herge	Tin Tin adventures
Charlie Higson	Young Bond (series)
Liz Kessler	The Tail of Emily Windsnap
Christopher Paolini	Eragon (series)
Chris Priestley	Uncle Montagues Tales or Terror
Philip Pullman*	Clockwork

Rick Riordan*	Percy Jackson (series)
J K Rowling	Harry Potter (series)
Paul Stewart	Far Flung Adventures Fergus Crane (series)
R L Stine	Goosebumps (series)

### **If you like football try these**

Bill Naughton	The Goalkeeper's Revenge and Other Stories
Alan Gibbons	Total Football (series)
Alan Durant	Up for the Cup
Michael Hardcastle	Own Goal
	The Team That Wouldn't Give In
	Half a Team
Martin Waddell	Cup Final Kid
Rob Childs	All Goalies are Crazy

### **If you like historical or political stories, Try these**

Nina Bawden	Carries War
John Boyne	The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas
Grace Cavendish	Lady Grace Mysteries (series)
Kevin Crossley-Holland	Arthur: The Seeing Stone
Nigel Hinton	Time Bomb
Terry Pratchett*	Johnny and the Bomb
Livi Michael	The Whispering Road
Michael Morpurgo*	Friend or Foe
Rick Riordan*	Percy Jackson (series)
Paul Shipton	The Pig Scrolls
Ian Serrallier	The Silver Sword
Various	My Story (series) Vividly imaged accounts of life in the past

### **If you want to laugh, try these**

Frank Cottrell Boyce	Framed
Paul Jennings	Unmentionable! And other Un.. titles
Michael Lawrence	Jiggy McCue (series)
Alan Temperley	Harry and the Wrinklies
David Walliams	Mr Stink

## More able year 6 readers might enjoy,

Maurice Gleizman*	Boy Overboard
Eva Ibbotson*	A Song for Summer
Derek Landy	Skullduggery Pleasant
Phillip Pullman*	Northern Lights Trilogy
Terry Pratchett*	Disc World Series
Rosemary Sutcliff	Beowulf
Mark Haddon	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time
Anthony Horowitz*	Alex Rider (series)
Jacqueline Wilson*	Cookie
	The Whale Song
	Hetty Feather
Chris Ryan*	Outbreak
Chris d'Lacey*	Dragon Chronicles (series)

If you find these recommended books too tricky at the moment try some from the Lower School Reading List.

useful websites

[www.booktrusted.co.uk](http://www.booktrusted.co.uk)

[www.doublecluck.com](http://www.doublecluck.com)

[www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk](http://www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk)