

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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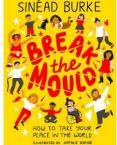


Foxlight by Katya Balan

Fen and Rey were found curled up in the fiery fur of the foxes, at the very edge of the wildlands. They are twin sisters. They will always have each other, even if they don't have a mother and don't know their beginning. But they do want answers. Answers to who their mother is and where she might be.

Reading age: 9+



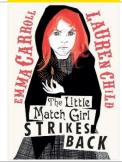


Break The Mould by Sinéad Burke

Sometimes we can feel like we are not good enough or that we don't belong. In this empowering guide, Sinead Burke encourages young readers to believe in themselves, have pride in who they are and use their voice to make the world a fairer, more inclusive place.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-12



The Little Match Girl Strikes Back by Emma Carroll

Bridie works hard to feed her family, selling matches on the streets of Victorian London. After an incident leaves her with only three matches left, the magical strike of each one sees her tumble into visions of a brighter future.

Reading age: 7+

Interest age: 9-11



The Secret Sunshine Project by Benjamin Dean

When Bea's family visit London Pride together, they have the ultimate day out. But a year later, Dad has passed away and Bea's big sister, Riley, is taking the news hard. So, The Secret Sunshine Project is formed - Bea's plan to bring Pride to the countryside and a smile back to Riley's face.

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Interest age: 9-12

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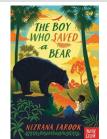


Glitter Boy by Ian Eagleton

James' teacher, Mr Hamilton, is getting married to his boyfriend and it seems that James will be part of a surprise choir performance at the wedding. But James's father seems uncomfortable about the plan. A joyful, raw and timely novel about family, friends, enemies and being true to who you really are.

Reading age: 8+

Interest age: 9-11



The Boy Who Saved a Bear by Nizrana Farook

A boy and a bear meet, become friends and have the adventure of their lives! From the author of The Girl Who Stole an Elephant, comes another brilliant escapade.

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Interest age: 9-11

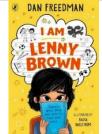


Wildsmith: Into the Dark Forest by Liz Flanagan

When war threatens her beloved city, Rowan and her mother must flee to the Dark Forest, meeting Grandpa and his white wolf Arto for the first time.

Reading age: 7+

Interest age: 9-11



I am Lenny Brown by Dan Freedman

There's more than one way to find your voice . . . Lenny Brown is eight years old and can't talk. Except to his mum and his dog, Rocky. Will he be able to make friends and find a way to fit in?

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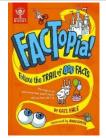
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When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's a girl. When her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web, George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part...because she's a boy.

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Interest age: 10+



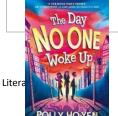
Factopia by Kate Hale

Welcome to FACTopia! Did you know that a squid has a brain shaped like a doughnut? Or that some butterflies drink turtle tears? Every fact in the book is connected to the next, in an ingenious trail of information.

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Interest age: 10-14

The Day No One Woke Up by Polly Ho-Yen

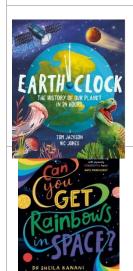




Something strange is happening in Ana's city . . . she's the only one awake. Confused and curious, Ana sets off to explore, bumping into the one other person who's been able to rouse themself – her ex–best friend, Tio.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



Earth Clock: The History Of Our Planet in 24 Hours by Tom Jackson

The entire history of Planet Earth as you've never seen it before. Earth Clock covers the most interesting and high-impact moments of our planet's geological history with stunning, detailed illustrations.

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Interest age: 9-11

Can You Get Rainbows in Space? By Dr Shelia Kanani

Why is blood red? Why are carrots orange? Why is the world 'going green'? Is the sky really blue? And what is ultraviolet light? You'll discover the answers to these questions - and more - in this collection of facts about colour.

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Seed by Caryl Lewis

On Marty's birthday, Grandad gifts Marty a very special seed. The seed grows bigger and bigger, and launches Grandad, Marty and his best friend, Gracie on an impossible, wondrous plan fuelled by love, hopes and dreams.

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Interest age: 8-12



Jaz Santos vs The World by Priscilla Mante

Ola! I'm Jasmina Santos-Campbell (but you can call me Jaz). You've probably heard of me and my football team, the Bramrock Stars before. We are the DREAM TEAM and we're going to show the world that girls CAN play football!

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Mexikid by Pedro Martin

Pedro is a Mexikid, born in America to parents from Mexico. One day, his dad announces that the whole family will be driving to Mexico to bring home their legendary crime-fighting grandfather, who was once part of the Mexican revolution. Allegedly. The road trip of a lifetime!

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Stink: Worst Fairy Ever by Jenny McLachlan

Danny Todd is desperate to be normal and fit in at school, so he isn't happy when he opens a fairy door and a REAL fairy flies out. A laugh-out-loud, cartoon-filled adventure, featuring the world's funniest fairy.

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The First Shadow Dragon by Lee Newbery

After defeating the evil Grendilock, Charlie Challinor is looking forward to a well-earned rest. But when a familiar face appears from the realm of Fargone, Charlie's family, is once again, swept up into adventure.

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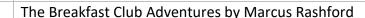


The Destiny of Minou Moonshine by Gita Ralleigh

The story of a Queendom, set in an alternate India. A debut rich in fantasy, friendship and faith; and an original year 5 adventure, that sparkles with storytelling magic.

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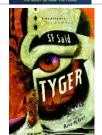
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There's something fishy going on at school...Marcus gets a mysterious note, inviting him to join the Breakfast Club Investigators. He is soon pulled into an exciting adventure with his new mates Stacey, Lise and Asim.

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Tyger by F S Said

Adam has found something incredible in a rubbish dump in London. A mysterious, magical TYGER. And it's in danger. Adam and his friend Zadie, are determined to help. Can they learn to use their powers before it's too late?

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Can You See Me? by Libby Scott

Tally is eleven years old and she's just like her friends. Well, sometimes she is. If she tries really hard to be. Tally is autistic. An inspirational book, that will give readers a deeper understanding of what it's like to be autistic.

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Breaking News: How To Tell What's Real From What's Rubbish by Nick Sheridan

A funny, practical and ever-so timely guide to the NEWS, for 8-12-year-olds. Find out how to understand and navigate 24/7 news, how to spot the facts from the fake...and what to do, if the news becomes overwhelming.

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Interest age: 9-13



The beanstalk Murder by PG Bell

The BFG meets Murder Most Unladylike in this giant-sized whodunnit with a witchy twist, from the author of the bestselling The Train to Impossible Places. Trainee meadow witch Anwen is having a bad day - which gets much worse when a dead giant falls from the sky and destroys her village.

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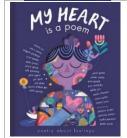


The Treasure Hunters by Lisa Thompson

When Vincent is forced to go on an outdoor activity weekend with three other kids, he's counting the seconds until he can go home. But one of them is hiding a secret. Suddenly, this boring trip becomes an exciting adventure!

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My Heart is a Poem (Various authors)

This is a book of poetry for everyone. This beautiful collection of poetry celebrates the brilliant thing that is feelings. Vivid and stirring artwork from an array of talented artists brings this breath-taking poetry to life.

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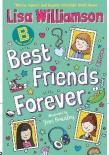


The Last Whale by Chris Vick

There are 1.3 million great whales left in the Earth's oceans today. Climate activist Abi uncovers whale song recordings made by Abi's great-grandfather, a whale hunter, she discovers the songs are a map to a future that could rescue the whales and rescue the world.

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Best Friends Forever by Lisa Williamson



Lola and Evie have been BFFs since they were babies. When Lola discovers that they're in different classes at their new school, it's a total disaster! Evie makes a brand-new friend, Cleo, who wants Evie all to herself, but Lola is not going to lose her BFF without putting up a fight!

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Dream Hunters by Nazima Pathan

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 from debut author Nazima Pathan, perfect for fans of Starfell, The Hatmakers and The Kingdom Over the Sea.

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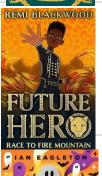


Welsh giants, ghosts, goblins by Claire Fayers

A wealth of Welsh myths, legends and ghost stories are reimagined for contemporary younger readers. Meet Idris, the teenage giant king on a quest to collect stories.

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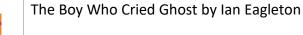
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Future Hero: Race to Fire Mountain by Remi Blackwood

When Jarell discovers that the fantasy world he is obsessed with doodling is actually real, he is launched into an incredible adventure. A brilliant blend of future tech gadgets and a fantasy world inspired by the mythology of Africa and its diaspora.

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There's a ghost in Richard's wardrobe. Every day he carries out a series of rituals that he believes will keep the ghost trapped inside. He tries to tell his friends and family, but they dismiss his worries and concerns as being part of his OCD. But then one day, the wardrobe door is opened... And that's when the hauntings begin. An own-voice novel about mental health, family, friendship,

confronting fear and accepting change.

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Shuri and T'Challa set out to remove a curse from Wakanda in this action-packed, totally original graphic novel!

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Lightfall 3-Book Box Set by Tim Probert

A thrilling box set that collects the first three books of critically acclaimed author-illustrator Tim Probert's breathtaking fantasy adventure series Lightfall. In the land of Irpa, an ancient threat awakens, obsessed with plunging the world into eternal darkness.

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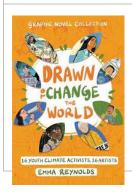


Night Lights by Lorena Alvarez

Every night, tiny stars appear out of the darkness in Sandy's bedroom. Sandy catches them and creates wonderful creatures to play with until she falls asleep, and in the morning brings them back to life in the whimsical drawings that cover her room. One day, a mysterious pale girl called Morfie appears at school and is fascinated by Sandy's drawings in a way that no one else has been before. But there is a price to pay for this new friendship...

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Drawn to Change the World

Emma Reynolds shines a spotlight on sixteen incredible youth activists from around the world who are fighting to protect the planet and all life on Earth. From Autumn Peltier campaigning for clean water to Edgar Edmund Tarimo turning plastic waste into building materials--and many more--these inspiring true stories highlight the importance of taking charge and creating change.

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