

Recommended books for Year 6



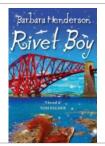
Giving children a wide variety of exciting and engaging new books to choose from, is vital to their development as a reader and forms a key part of our Young Readers Programme. Here, we've put together a list of books for ages 10-11 that is sure to appeal to a broad range of interests!



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Rivet Boy by Barabara Henderson

When 12-year-old John Nicol gets a job at the Forth Bridge construction site, he knows it's dangerous. But John has no choice-with his father gone, he must provide an income for his family-even if he is terrified of heights.

Reading age: 8+

Interest age: 8-13



How I Saved the World in a Week by Polly Ho-Yen

Billy's mum isn't like other mums. All she wants is to teach him the Rules of Survival - how to make fire, build shelter and find food. As chaos breaks out, Billy has to flee the city and he realises that this is what his mum was preparing him for.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



High-Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

The detective duo everyone is dying to meet! Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case?

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11

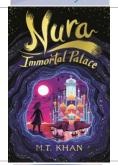


Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson

Astrid has always done everything with her best friend Nicole. So when Astrid signs up for a roller derby summer camp, she's sure Nicole will be right by her side - until Nicole signs up for ballet camp instead, with Astrid's biggest rival.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 10-14



Nura and the Immortal Palace by M.T. Khan

Nura has worked all her life, earning just enough to keep her family afloat. Soon, she'll find a legendary treasure and will never have to worry about money again. But when her best friend goes missing, Nura goes in search of him and passes over into the magical and terrible world of the jinn.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



Meesh the Bad Demon by Michelle Lam

Meesh is often reading magazines and fangirling about the fairy princesses. But when disaster strikes and all of demon-kind is threatened, Meesh must journey to other worlds in search of help.

Reading age: 8+

Interest age: 9-11

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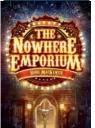


The Strangeworlds Travel Agency by L.D. Lapinski

When 12-year-old Flick Hudson accidentally ends up in the Strangeworlds Travel Agency, she uncovers a fantastic secret: there are hundreds of other worlds and all you have to do to visit them is jump into the right suitcase.

Reading age: 10+

Interest age: 9-11



The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie

When the mysterious Nowhere Emporium arrives in Glasgow, orphan Daniel Holmes stumbles upon it. Before long, the 'shop from nowhere' and Mr Silver draw Daniel into a breathtaking world of magic and enchantment.

Reading age: 7+

Interest age: 8+



Jodie by Hilary McKay

Trapped and alone on the salt marshes, Jodie is troubled by a haunting presence in this eerily atmospheric ghost story from multi-award-winning author Hilary McKay.

Reading age: 8+

Interest age: 9-11

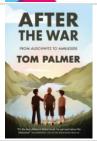


A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll

11-year-old Addie campaigns for a memorial of the witch trials that took place in her Scottish hometown. Addie knows there's more to the story of these 'witches'. Can she challenge how the people in her town see her, and her autism, and make her voice heard?

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



After the War by Tom Palmer

The Second World War is finally over and three hundred children arrive in the English Lake District. They've finally reached a place of safety and peace but are haunted by their thoughts and disturbed by terrible nightmares.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 10+



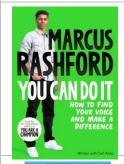
The Boy at The Back of The Class by Onjali Q. Rauf



There used to be an empty chair at the back of my class, but now a new boy called Ahmet is sitting in it. He's nine years old (just like me), but he's very strange. He's a refugee who's run away from a War. A real one. And the more I find out about him, the more I want to help.

Reading age: 10+

Interest age: 7-11



You Can Do It by Marcus Rashford

Marcus uses his voice to shine a light on the injustices that he cares passionately about, and now he wants to help YOU find that power! From surrounding yourself with the right team, to showing kindness to others, your voice matters, and you can do anything you put your mind to.

Reading age: 10+

Interest age: 10-14

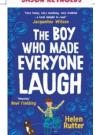


Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds

When the bell rings and school is finished for the day, the walkers are finally set free. In ten stories, find out what really happens on the walk home from school, with no parents or teachers to supervise (or stop the fun!).

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh by Helen Rutter

Billy Plimpton wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up. A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak?

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-13



Can You See Me? by Libby Scott

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

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff by Andy Seed

Discover The Great Stink, the man who ate a bike and a sofa that can do 101mph. Find out about famous pranks, crazy festivals, nutty cats, gross foods, epic sports fails, ludicrously silly words and really rubbish predictions.

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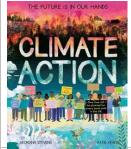


The Invasion of Crooked Oak by Dan Smith

Something sinister is happening in Crooked Oak. Ever since the fracking site closed, Nancy's parents have been acting weird, it's like they're no longer themselves. Nancy is determined to find out what's going on.

Reading age: 8+

Interest age: 9-11



Climate Action by Georgina Stevens

This book is about changing the world for the better. It's about how we all have the power to make a real difference. And it's also about the many incredible young people, just like you, who are already taking action, at a time when change is most needed.

Reading age: 10+

Interest age: 7-11



Time Travelling with a Hamster by Ross Welford

When Al Chaudhury discovers his late dad's time machine, he finds that going back to the 1980s requires daring and imagination. It also requires lies, theft, burglary and setting his school on fire; all without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer.

Reading age: 6+

Interest age: 9-14

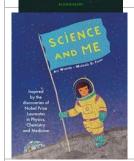


The Lightning Catcher by Clare Weze

Alfie has noticed a few things, since his family moved to Folding Ford. The most interesting one is that the weather is BONKERS. Armed with his bike, a notepad and his new best mate, Sam, Alfie is going to investigate. Skellig meets Stranger Things in this funny, heartfelt, adventure story.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



Science and Me by Ali Winter

Discover some of the inspirational men and women, who have received Nobel Prizes in Physics, Chemistry and Medicine from 1901 to the present day. This fascinating collection shows that the science you learn at school, really can change the world.

Reading age: 8+

Interest age: 9-11



Minecraft: The Crash: An Official Minecraft Novel by Tracey Baptiste



When a new virtual-reality version of the game brings her desires—and doubts—to life, one player must face her fears. Bianca has never been good at following the plan. She's more of an act-now, deal-with-the-consequences-later kind of person.

Reading age: 10+

Interest age: 10-13



Black and British by David Olusoga

When did Africans first come to Britain? Who are the well-dressed black children in Georgian paintings? Why did the American Civil War disrupt the Industrial Revolution?

These and many other questions are answered in this essential introduction to 1800 years of the Black British history: from the Roman Africans who guarded Hadrian's Wall right up to the present day.

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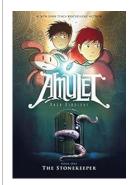


Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick

Who is the mysterious bloodstained man who stops their coach? Why is no one around when Lance and the rest of Year Six arrive at the brand new Crater Lake activity centre? But this is just the beginning of the school trip from hell; a fight for survival that sees five pupils band together to save their classmates from an alien fate far worse than death. But whatever happens, they must Never. Ever. Fall asleep!

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

The first book in Kazu Kibuishi's #1 *New York Times* bestselling series that features a beautiful but dangerous world of new friends, giant robots, and shadowy enemies!

Reading age: 8+

Interest age: 8-11



Show us Who You Are by Elle McNicoll

With neurodivergent characters you'll root for and a moving friendship at its heart, readers 9+ will love this powerful new novel from Elle McNicoll. As Cora strives to understand the mysterious projects going on at Pomegranate Technologies, she must fight to make her voice heard, whilst never losing site of herself...



Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11



Wings of Fire: The Graphic Novel by Tui T. Sutherland

Clay has grown up under the mountain, chosen along with four other dragonets to fulfill a mysterious prophecy and end the war between the dragon tribes of Pyrrhia. He's not so sure about the prophecy part, but Clay can't imagine not living with the other dragonets; they're his best friends.

Reading age: 10+

Interest age: 10-12



Ultimate Football Heroes 2025 by Ultimate Football Heroes

Ultimate Football Heroes looks back at an amazing year in football! Relive the goals, games and glories of the 2023-24 season, including titanic three-way battles for the Premier League and Women's Super League, a rollercoaster Champions' League campaign, and all the action from around the biggest European competitions.

Reading age: 9+

Interest age: 9-11

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