

Top Reads for 10/11 Year Olds

Some recommendations from The Book House in Thame.

Wolf Brother (and sequels) - *Michelle Paver*

Winner of this year's *Guardian Children's Fiction Prize* for the last volume in this sequence.

White Giraffe (and sequels) - *Lauren St John*

Set in Africa

Diary of a Wimpy Kid (series) - *Jeff Kinney*

Hugely popular, deals with bullying

Percy Jackson (series) - *Rick Riordan*

Links to current film, Ancient Greek mythology time-warps with current day

Hero.com and **Villain.net** (parallel series) - *Andy Briggs*

High-action, high-tech robots etc.

The Name of this Book is Secret (and sequels) - *Pseudonymous Bosch*

Quirky, fantastical adventure, slightly Lemony Snicketish

Skulduggery Pleasant (and sequels) - *Derek Landy*

Skeleton detective and girl sidekick in scary adventures

Millions, Framed, Cosmic - *Frank Cottrell Boyce*

Three unconnected but wonderful stories

Alone on a Wide, Wide Sea, Kensuke's Kingdom, Running Wild - *Michael*

Morpurgo

Two old favourites and one newly-published

Frozen in Time - *Ali Sparkes*

Two cryogenically frozen children are brought back to life after 50 years in a thrilling adventure. Blue Peter Award Winner

The Diamond of Drury Lane (and sequels) - *Julia Golding*

Adventures set in London's Theatre and of the 18th century, starring an orphan girl and an urchin boy. Never too heavy, but always adventure-filled, brilliant evocation of London at that time. Julia's other great series is based on Greek mythology and starts with **Secret of the Sirens** and is a good one for girls who find Percy Jackson too boy-dominated...

Ingo (and sequels) - *Helen Dunmore*

Mermaid adventures in Cornwall - but dark, not at all sparkly, cutsey mermaids, rather the mermaids of myth....

Al Capone Does My Shirts - *Gennifer Choldenko*

An old, quirky favourite

Holes - *Louis Sachar*

Another old, quirky favourite, together with his book **Small Steps** which links to it rather than being a direct sequel.

I Coriander - *Sally Gardner*

A glorious novel set in 17th Century London and the fairy world. Again, *not* cutsey fairies and nothing like the churned out Daisy Meadows books for younger readers.

Silver Donkey - *Sonya Hartnett*

Not new, but not so well-known, and looks like it should be for younger readers, but very thoughtful novel, a bit like Michael Morpurgo's books which have a broader appeal than the minimum reading age. Set in wartime France.

Star of Kazan - *Eva Ibbotson*

End of 19th century Vienna, orphan and eccentric professor. Also try **Dragonfly Pool**, a war-time adventure with a fantasy world by this ever-popular author.

Death-defying Pepper Roux - *Geraldine McCaughrean*

Another great adventure from this amazing writer, who never disappoints.

Arthur and the Seeing Stone - *Kevin Crossley-Holland*

Arthurian fiction of high quality

Inkspell (and sequels) - *Cornelia Funke*
Super quality fantasy with bookish theme

NOT FORGETTING:

Eagle of the Ninth - *Rosemary Sutcliff's* extraordinary Roman epic, now being read by a whole new generation thanks to the up-coming film.

Weirdstone of Brisingamen - Alan Garner - a TERRIFYING story in its 50th anniversary year.