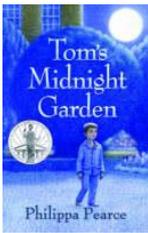


## Recommended Reads for Year Five



### **Dead Man's Cover: Laura Marlin Mysteries** by Lauren St John

When orphaned Laura Marlin moves from a children's home to live with her uncle in Cornwall, she longs for a life of excitement just like the characters in her favourite detective novels. A real life adventure is on hand as she is deposited at her uncle's spooky house ...Why does her uncle, Calvin Redfern, forbid her to go to Dead Man's Cove? What's the truth about Tariq, the silent Indian boy who lives with the flamboyant Mukthars? Who is J? Who has left the message in a bottle for Laura to discover? Mysteries abound and who better to solve them than Laura Marlin, ace detective? Accompanied by her trusty companion, Skye, a three-legged husky, the dog she's always wanted, Laura's adventures begin.  
Reading Age: 9+



### **Tom's Midnight Garden** by Philippa Pearce

When Tom hears the grandfather clock strike thirteen he is not prepared for what is going to happen. Outside the back door is a garden, which everyone tells him doesn't exist. But the magical place in which Tom finds himself is certainly a garden - his midnight garden. This book won The Carnegie Medal when it was first published in 1958.  
Reading Age: 9+



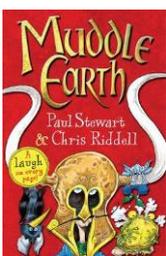
### **The Wolf Princess** by Cathryn Constable

Alone in the world, Sophie dreams of being someone special, but she could never have imagined this. On a school trip to Russia, Sophie and her two friends find themselves on the wrong train. They are rescued by the beautiful Princess Anna Volkonskaya, who takes them to her winter palace and mesmerises them with stories of lost diamonds and a tragic past. But as night falls and wolves prowl, Sophie discovers more than dreams in the crumbling palace of secrets.  
Reading Age: 9+



### **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland** by Lewis Carroll

Join Alice in Wonderland where nothing is quite as it seems. On an ordinary summer's afternoon, Alice tumbles down a hole and an extraordinary adventure begins. In a strange world with even stranger characters, she meets a rabbit with a pocketwatch, a grinning cat, joins a mad tea-party and plays croquet with the fearsome queen! Lost in this weird and wonderful fantasy land, Alice begins to wonder just exactly how she'll ever find her way home ...  
Reading Age: 7+

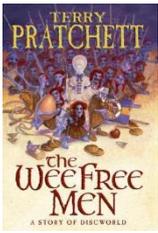


### **Muddle Earth** by Chris Riddell and Paul Stewart

Where would you find a perfumed bog filled with pink sticky hogs and exploding gas frogs? A place that's home to a wizard with only one spell, an ogre who cries a lot and a very sarcastic budgie? Welcome to Muddle Earth. A place where anything can happen - and usually does. Joe Jefferson, an ordinary schoolboy from ordinary earth, is about to find his life changed forever.

Prepare for a great battle of good, evil and sort of ok...  
Reading Age: 9+

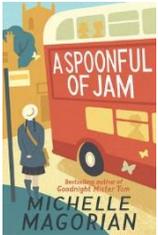
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### **The Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett**

There's trouble on the Aching farm - a monster in the river, a headless horseman in the driveway and nightmare spreading down from the hills. And now Tiffany Aching's little brother has been stolen by the Queen of the Fairies. Tiffany's got to get him back.

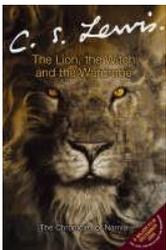
Reading Age: 9+



### **A Spoonful of Jam by Michelle Magorian**

A classic war story from the award-winning author of *Goodnight, Mister Tom*. *A Spoonful of Jam* will truly capture your heart and mind. The war is over but Elsie is still fighting her own battles. She's bullied because she's the only scholarship pupil at the grammar school, and she has an awkward relationship with her father as he struggles to assume a normal life after fighting in the war. But when she begins working at the local theatre, Elsie discovers she can escape...

Reading Age: 9+

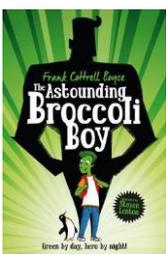


### **The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis**

Meet the creatures of Narnia in this fully illustrated storybook. Parents and younger children can relive the excitement of the fantastic feature film by reading about their favourite Narnian creatures. Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy Pevensie are sent to live with their reclusive uncle in his mysterious country home. Lucy soon discovers a wardrobe that hides a doorway into the magical world of Narnia. Narnia was once a peaceful land of talking beasts, dwarfs, giants, and fauns. But an evil spell is cast on

Narnia and it is now ruled by the White Witch, who has transformed it into a frozen place, where it is "always winter, but never Christmas." To the creatures of Narnia, the children now represent hope. Led by the powerful lion Aslan, the children must defeat the White Witch and free all of Narnia from her icy spell.

Reading Age: 9+



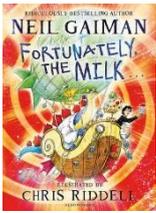
### **The Astounding Broccoli Boy by Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Rory Rooney likes to be prepared for all eventualities. His favourite book is *Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared*, and he has memorized every page of it. He could even survive a hippo attack. He knows that just because something is unlikely doesn't mean it won't ever happen ...But Rory isn't prepared when he suddenly and inexplicably turns green. Stuck in an isolation ward in a hospital far from home with two other remarkably green children, Rory's as confused by his new condition as the medics seem to be. But what if

it's not in their genes, or a virus, or something they ate? What if turning green actually means you've turned into a superhero? Rory can't wait to make it past hospital security and discover exactly what his superpower might be...

Reading Age: 9+

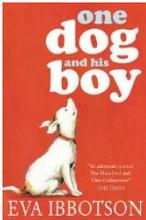
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### **Fortunately, the Milk... by Neil Gaimen**

You know what it's like when your mum goes away on a business trip and Dad's in charge. She leaves a really, really long list of what he's got to do. And the most important thing is DON'T FORGET TO GET THE MILK. Unfortunately, Dad forgets. So the next morning, before breakfast, he has to go to the corner shop, and this is the story of why it takes him a very, very long time to get back. Featuring: Professor Steg (a time-travelling dinosaur), some green globby things, the Queen of the Pirates, the famed jewel that is the Eye of Splod, some wumpires, and a perfectly normal but very important carton of milk.

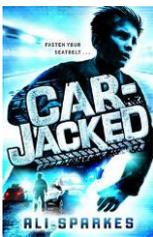
Reading Age: 7+



### **One Dog and his Boy by Eva Ibbotson**

But a dog would damage the expensive carpets in Hal's glamorous home, and his wealthy parents refuse to consider one. Then they discover Easy Pets, a convenient dog-rental agency. Terrier Fleck arrives on Hal's birthday, but when Hal discovers that his dog must be returned, he runs away. Hal and Fleck are joined by a group of pedigree breeds joyfully escaping from Easy Pets - among them is Otto, the wise and somber St Bernard, and the fierce and excitable Pekinese Li-Chee. A large reward is offered for the missing boy, and soon Hal and his dogs are being chased across the country by ruthless pursuers. Helped by a travelling circus, and the sympathetic children from an orphanage, they race for their freedom in a classic adventure in the tradition of 101 Dalmatians.

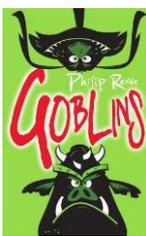
Reading Age: 9+



### **Carjacked by Ali Sparkes**

Jack Mattingly is a genius. He has an IQ of 170. He speaks fluent Mandarin and Latin. And he can calculate the square root of 1,673,549 in his head. But when Jack's parents' car is hi-jacked, with him inside it, for once he's as clueless as the rest of us. The car-jacker doesn't know Jack's in the car - yet. But it's only a matter of time before he's discovered. And then anything could happen. Only one thing's for sure: Jack's in for the thrill-ride of his life...

Reading Age: 7+



### **Goblins by Philip Reeve**

This is a wild world of magical creatures and heroic adventure from the extraordinary imagination of Philip Reeve. The squabbling goblins who live in the great towers of Clovenstone spend their time fighting and looting. Only clever young Skarper understands that dark magic created by a vanquished sorcerer is rising again. From the lands of men come fortune-seekers - and trolls, giants, cloud-midens, boglins, swamp monsters, tree-warriors and bloodthirsty goblins are swept into a fabulous magical conflict to thrill all fantasy fans.

Reading Age: 9+

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### **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief** by Rick Riordan

Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive.

Reading Age: 9+



### **The Last Dragon Chronicles: The Fire Within** by Chris D'Lacey

'David ran a hand through his mop of brown hair. Dragons. It was certainly different from his last set of lodgings, where all you got were spiders and the occasional mouse. It's perfect, he said.' When David arrives at Wayward Crescent he has no idea what lurks inside the Pennykettle house. Only when he's given his own special dragon does he begin to unlock their mysterious secrets, and to discover the fire within...

Reading Age: 8+



### **Dragon Rider** by Cornelia Funke

Firedrake, a brave young dragon, his loyal brownie friend Sorrel and a lonely boy called Ben embark on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace for ever. Along the way, they discover extraordinary new friends and a courage they never knew they had. Just as well, for the greatest enemy of all is never far behind them - a heartless monster from the past who's been waiting a very long time to destroy the last dragons on earth.

Reading Age: 9+



### **The Accidental Prime Minister** by Tom MacLaughlin

When Joe tells a local news reporter exactly what he would do if he were leader of the country, the video goes viral and Joe's speech becomes famous all over the world! Before long, people are calling for the current leader to resign and give someone else a go ...and that's how an ordinary boy like Joe, ended up with the most extraordinary job. Now the fun can really start ...Hats for cats! Pet pigs for all! Banana shaped buses!

Swimming pools on trains!

A hilarious story of one boy's meteoric rise to power!

Reading Age: 9+



### **The Parent Agency** by David Baddiel

A brilliantly funny, gripping novel from a born storyteller, The Parent Agency is an epic wish-fulfilment adventure for every child - and for the child in everyone. Barry said, a third time, I wish I had better parents! And then suddenly the entire room started to shake...Barry Bennett hates being called Barry.

In fact it's number 2 on the list of things he blames his parents for, along with 1) 'being boring' and 3) 'always being tired'. But there is a world, not far from this one, where parents don't have children. That's far too random for something so big and important. In this world, children are allowed to choose their parents. For Barry Bennett, this world seems like a dream come true. Only things turn out to be not quite that simple..

Reading Age: 9+