

Recommended Reading List: Year 5

Author	Title	Blurb
Ursula K Le Guin	The Wizard Of Earthsea	This tale of wizards and dragons features the character of Sparrowhawk. Tempted by pride to try spells beyond his powers, Sparrowhawk lets loose an evil shadow-beast. Only he can destroy it and so he begins a quest which leads him to all corners of Earthsea. This is the first book in a quartet.
Eoin Colfer	Artemis Fowl and the Eternity Code: Book 3	In his third adventure the cunning teenage evil genius plans to commit one final crime before going onto the straight and narrow. Artemis has constructed a new supercomputer, and the last thing he needs is for it to fall into the wrong hands. So, when it does fall into the wrong hands - those of ruthless tycoon Jon Spiro - Artemis knows he must recover the device or the consequences will be dire. Just like the other Artemis Fowl books, once you start reading you can't take your eyes off the page and you're hooked! It's a very enjoyable read for anyone around 9+.
Joan Aiken	Black Hearts in Battersea	Set in an imaginary England when King James III is on the throne and wolves still roam the country, this is a fabulous adventure full of imagination and surprise. Having travelled to London to become a painter, Simon finds things are not all as he had hoped. Staying with the Twites and attending the unusual Art Academy, Simon uncovers a plot to kill the king before being kidnapped and bundled off to sea. Luckily for him, Dido Twite has already stowed away on the very same ship. Dido is a match for most things which is just as well as one disaster after another follows. Will the ship mates survive it all intact?
Frank Cottrell Boyce	Cosmic	<p>Shortlisted for the 2010 Blue Peter 'Book I Couldn't Put Down' Award, the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize 2008, the Carnegie Medal and for the Independent Booksellers' Book Prize 2010.</p> <p>Comic and cosmic, this is a roller coaster adventure that takes Liam Digby up into space with a handful of other children and their parents. It's an hilarious journey of discovery as Liam hurtles around the world finding out exactly what makes children and adults different.</p>

Philip Ridley	Krindlekrax	Who is more likely to get the part of the hero in the school play? Ruskin or Elvis? Under Lizard Street lurks the mysterious Krindlekrax. And when Krindlekrax threatens Lizard Street, Ruskin has the chance to prove he's the stuff heroes are made of!
Morris Gleitzman	Once.	A moving and convincing child-eye view of what happened to the children of Poland after the Germans invaded. Felix has been placed by his parents in an orphanage for safe-keeping but, when the Germans come and burn the books in the orphanage library, Felix knows he must set out to return to his parents who are booksellers and make sure they are safe. Felix's journey is dangerous and desperate but also full of courage and hope in a world where friendships and loyalty are the glue that hold things together.
Brian Jacques	Redwall	Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny, the Scourge and his battle-hardened horde of predators. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army, but he hasn't bargained for the courage and strength of the combined forces of the Redwall mice and their loyal woodland friends.
Gill Lewis	Sky Hawk	Rich in atmosphere and full of heart, <i>Sky Hawk</i> is an intense and touching story of how protecting a rare bird forges a deep and special friendship between two children. The osprey is Iona's secret but she trusts Callum to keep it and together the two of them do all they can to keep the bird safe. From the glittering lochs of Scotland to the mangrove swamps of the Gambia, <i>Sky Hawk</i> is an enthralling tale about a promise between two friends, Callum and Iona, that will change lives forever, and the power of friendship, loyalty, and hope. A book to treasure.
Anthony Horowitz	Alex Rider: Stormbreaker (1)	A fabulous story that crackles with suspense and daring and shows that a bit of cheek will take you a very long way. Alex Rider is fourteen when his whole world is turned upside down. Already an orphan, his guardian is killed in suspicious circumstances and Alex finds himself forcibly recruited into the MI6 to train as a super spy. He performs deeds of unimaginable daring, faces terrible danger - and lives to tell the

		<p>tale. A great, pacy read.</p> <p>Perfect for Reluctant Readers as well as keen readers</p>
Liz Pichon	The Brilliant World of Tom Gates	<p>Winner of the Red House Children's Book Award 2012 (Younger Readers Category).</p> <p>Winner of 7 - 14 category of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize 2011.</p> <p>Fans of the Wimpy Kid will delight in the hilarious adventures of Tom Gates! Fantastic fun told in words and pictures, Tom Gates, a master of excuses, expert doodler, comic story writer extraordinaire - introduces his life including his sister Delia whom he torments mercilessly, his best-friend Derek, the problems he has at school - and much, much more. It is a delight of a reading experience with all the fun of decoding the pictures as well as reading the words.</p>
Betsy Byars	The Eighteenth Emergency	<p>Mouse and his best friend Ezzie have come up with 17 action plans for various types of emergency, such as Attack by an Unfriendly Lion. But nothing has prepared them for the 18th emergency: being on the wrong side of Marv Hammerman, every eighth-grader's worst nightmare.</p>
Russell Hoban	The Mouse and his Child	<p>So begins the story of a tin father and son who dance under a Christmas tree until they break the ancient clockwork rules and are themselves broken. Thrown away, then rescued from a dustbin and repaired by a tramp, they set out on a dangerous quest for a family and a place of their own.</p>
Alan Garner	The Owl Service	<p>Winner of both the <i>Guardian Award</i> and the <i>Carnegie Medal</i>, this is an all-time classic, combining mystery, adventure, history and a complex set of human relationships.</p> <p>It all begins with the scratching in the ceiling. From the moment Alison discovers the dinner service in the attic, with its curious pattern of floral owls, a chain of events is set in progress that is to effect everybody's lives.</p> <p>Relentlessly, Alison, her step-brother Roger and</p>

		<p>Welsh boy Gwyn are drawn into the replay of a tragic Welsh legend - a modern drama played out against a background of ancient jealousies. As the tension mounts, it becomes apparent that only by accepting and facing the situation can it be resolved</p>
Liz Kessler	The Tail of Emily Windsnap	<p>Emily Windsnap lives on a boat, but her mother has always been oddly anxious to keep her out of the water. It is only when Emily has her first school swimming lesson that she discovers why: as soon as she gets into the water, she grows a tail!</p> <p>Soon Emily discovers a glorious underwater world of fishes, coral, shipwrecks and mermaids, and, best of all, she finds a best friend! With mermaid Shona Silkfin by her side, Emily uncovers a surprising family secret and embarks on a quest to reunite her mum and dad.</p> <p>This enchanting fantasy deals with universal themes of family, friendship, love and justice - all handled with the lightness of touch for which Liz Kessler is so well known.</p>
Gene Kemp	The Turbulent Term Of Tyke Tiler Gene Kemp	<p>Wherever best-friends Tyke Tiler and Danny Price are, there is usually trouble - stolen money, a sheep's skeleton, fights in class - and it's usually trouble that Tyke has to sort out.</p> <p>Their last term at Cricklepit Combined School is full of the usual fun and madness, but then Tyke learns that much more is at stake. Is it possible to keep hapless Danny out of trouble? And what final surprise does Tyke have in store?</p> <p>A fantastic new edition of one of the most lively and popular children's classics.</p>
Joan Aiken	The Wolves of Willoughby Chase	<p>A wonderful adventure as two children flee from the tyranny of their wicked guardian and bravely set out on the road to London. Miss Slighcarp is as chilling as her words sound and she is now in charge of Bonnie and Sylvia. How will they ever escape from her clutches? It would be hard in any circumstances but it is especially hard since the snow lies thick on the ground around Willoughby Chase and the wolves are</p>

		snapping closer and closer. It's scary enough, but Bonnie and Sylvia are a determined pair and nothing, not even the wolves are going to stop them from getting back to London and Aunt Jane. Helped on their way by Simon and the flock of geese he is taking to market, Bonnie and Sylvia's journey is a thrilling adventure - and not for the faint hearted!
Morris Gleitzman	Two Weeks with the Queen	To writing a moving and funny book, especially for children, about as serious a subject as cancer is a remarkable achievement. <i>Two Weeks with the Queen</i> is a remarkable example of such a thing. Sent away from his home in Australia to stay with his aunt and uncle in London while his parents nurse his brother Luke through the final stages of cancer, Colin sets out on a mission. If only he can reach the Queen, he reasons, she'll be able to put him in touch with the best cancer doctor in the world and Luke will be made well. But nothing is so straightforward. Instead, Colin meets some remarkable people and, through them, he is able to share some of the universal grief of losing a person you love. Profoundly moving, deeply serious but also wickedly funny.

