

Recommended reading list

Below you'll find a list of authors and books you and your students might enjoy reading. I have divided the list into two parts: children's books, and middle grade (age 8-12) and young adult (YA) books. The latter include books that write about issues that interest young readers aged approximately 12-18. Several authors also have very good websites and Instagram accounts. Enjoy reading! Evi.

Children's authors and books

David Walliams <https://www.waterstones.com/author/david-walliams/50422>

Gangsta Granny
Billionaire boy
The Boy in the Dress
Demon Dentist
Awful Auntie
Bad Dad
+ many more

"A natural heir to Roald Dahl, David Walliams is undoubtedly one of the world's most talented and laugh-aloud-funny children's authors." Waterstones.

Jo Simmons <https://www.readingzone.com/authors/jo-simmons/>

I Swapped My Brother on the Internet
My Parents Cancelled My Birthday
I lost My Granny in the Supermarket
The Reluctant Vampire Queen
The Dodo Made Me Do It

Elaine Wickson <https://www.elainewickson.co.uk/>

Planet Stan
+ other *Stan* books

Francesca Simon <https://www.francescasimon.com/>

Horrid Henry series
Two Terrible Vikings – Feast with the King
Two Terrible Vikings and Grunt the Berserker

Anne Fine <https://www.annefine.co.uk/index.php>

The Diary of a Killer Cat
The Return of the Killer Cat
The Killer Cat's Christmas + more *Killer Cat* books
Bill's New Frock
Jamie and Angus Forever + other numerous children's books

Serena Patel <https://serenakpatel.com/>

Anisha, Accidental Detective + other *Anisha* books
Pia's Pet Club series

Katie Kirby <https://katiekirby.co.uk/>

The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks
The Catastrophic Friendship Falls of Lottie Brooks
+ other *Lottie Brooks* books

Cressida Cowell <https://www.cressidacowell.co.uk/>

How to Train Your Dragon Series
The Story of Tracy Beaker
+ other books in the *Tracy Beaker* Series

Konnie Huq <https://konnie-huq.com/>

Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World
Cookie and the Most Annoying Girl in the World
Fearless Fairy Tales

Smart, FUNNY and full of warmth, just like its AUTHOR. D. Walliams

Leona Forde <https://childrensbooksireland.ie/author/leona-forde>

Milly McCarthy and the Irish Dancing Disaster

+ other Millie McCarthy books

Eoin Colfer <https://www.eoincolfer.com/>

Artemis Fowl Series

Zanna Davidson. <https://usborne.com/row/authors/zanna-davidson>

Izzy the Inventor series

Billy and the Mini Monster series

Sam Copeland.

The Detention Diaries: Worse than Jail (“The ultimate boy-friendly read!” Reading Zone)

Middle grade and YA authors and books

James Fox

The Boy in the Suit

Boy vs Reality

Helen Rutter <https://www.helenrutter.com/>

Reggie Houser Has the Power

The Boy with Big Decisions

The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh

Me and My Brian

Advice from a 12-Year-Old Nobody

Tom Percival <https://tom-percival.com/>

The Wrong Shoes

See also his picture books

Emma Swan <https://emmaswanauthor.com/>

The Cruise Kid. Kidnap at Sea

The Cruise Kid. Thief at Sea

Mark Haddon

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Boom

Matt Goodfellow <https://www.mattgoodfellowpoet.com/books>

The Final Year

The First Year

Onjali Q. Raúf <https://www.onjaliqrauf.org/>

The Boy at the Back of the Class

The Letter with the Golden Stamp

Frank Cottrell https://kids.kiddle.co/Frank_Cottrell-Boyce

Millions

Framed

Noah's Gold

The Wonder Brothers

Desirable

David Almond <https://davidalmond.com/books/>

Skellig

My Name is Mina

Brand New Boy

Sarah Crossan <https://amheath.com/authors/sarah-crossan>

Where the Heart Should Be

Apple and Rain

Toffee

*One
Moonrise
Gone for Good*

"Exquisite writing style, thrilling plot, and masterful handling of teen issues." BBC

Brian Conaghan

*Carboard Cowboys
The M Word
When Nr Dog Bites*

Holly Bourne <https://hollybourne.co.uk/> "Queen of YA"

*Am I normal Yet
The Yearbook
How Hard Can Love Be
You Could Be so Pretty
Are We All Lemmings or Snowflakes*

Tom Mitchell

*Escape from Camp Boring
When Things Went Wild*

Ross Welford <https://www.rosswelford.com/about/#>

*The 1,000- year- old Boy
Time Travelling with a Hamster
The Dog who Saved the World
Prince Kal vs. the Salivator Alligator*

Annabel Pitcher <https://annabelpitcher.com/>

*My sister lives on the Mantelpiece
Ketchup Clouds
Last Days of Archie Maxwell*

Julia Donaldson <https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>

Running on the Cracks

See also her picture books

Anthony Horowitz <https://anthonyhorowitz.com/>

Alex Rider series

Jacqueline Wilson. <https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/jacqueline-wilson>

*Love Frankie
Katie
+ many more*

See also her books written for young readers.

Katherine Rundell

*Rooftoppers
Impossible Creatures
The Wolf Wilder*

Tamsin Winter <https://www.tamsinwinter.com/>

*Girl (in real life)
Being Miss Nobody
Bad Influence
I Dare You*

"Fast becoming a favourite for younger teenagers, chronicling those first years at secondary school with warmth and honesty." The Observer

Sophie Cameron <https://www.sophie-cameron.com/>

*Away with Words
Our Sister Again
Flash of Neon*

"Her work has been praised for its originality and the way it addresses complex emotional landscapes." School Reading List.

Shappi Khorsandi

Nina is Not OK

Kissing Emma

Elle McNicoll <https://ellemcnicoll.com/>

Show Us Who You Are

A Kind of Spark

Keedie

“One of the most exciting new voices in children’s publishing, Elle is a neurodivergent writer and is passionate about disability rights.”

Alice Oseman <https://aliceoseman.com/>

Heartstopper

Solitaire

Nick and Charlie

Loveless

I Was Born for This

Victoria Williamson

The Boy with the Butterfly Mind

Jessica Scott-Whyte <https://www.readingzone.com/authors/jessica-scott-whyte/>

The Asparagus Bunch

Siobhan Dowd

The London Eye Mystery

Majorie Blackman <https://malorieblackman.co.uk/>

Noughts & Crosses series

Robot Girl

Pig-Heart Boy

Peace Maker + many more

Zillah Bethell

Song Walker (Set in the Australian Outback)

The Shark Caller (Set in Papua New Guinea)

Cath Crowley (Australian author)

Words in Deep Blue

Graffiti Moon

To get an idea what the books are about you can check at:

- **Irresistible Books for Curious Kids.** <https://usborne.com/row/books>

You can browse books by age and categories.

- **LoveReading4Kids** - <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

- **Reading Zone**

<https://www.readingzone.com/children/>

You can find some information about books and download extracts.

- **The School Reading List**

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/>

You’ll find short introductions of books. Clicking on the covers will take you to the

Amazon, which often allows you to have a look inside a book

For picture books see the website **Picture Books in the English Classroom - A Goldmine for Everyone!** <https://www.hiof.no/english/services/knowledge/picture-books/>

For contemporary children’s poets check the websites of the following authors:

Michael Rosen. <https://www.michaelrosen.co.uk/>

Matt Goodfellow <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/poet/matt-goodfellow/>

Joshua Seigal <https://www.joshuaseigal.co.uk/books>

Liz Brownlee <https://lizbrownleypoet.com/>

