

Books Recommended for Year 6



Author	Title
Almond, David	Skellig The extraordinary story of Michael and the strange creature he discovers in the garage. The prequel My Name is Mina is also excellent.
Bawden, Nina	Off the Road An adventure story set in a dystopian future where each family is only allowed one child and nobody is allowed to live beyond a certain age.
Blackman, Malorie	Pig-heart Boy 13 year-old Cameron needs a new heart and the best match comes from a very unusual source – a pig. A fabulous, thought-provoking story.
Burgess, Melvin	An Angel for May An eerie story about a boy who slips back in time to the 1940s.
Cross, Gillian	After Tomorrow (Year 6 only) British society has collapsed. Can Matt and his family escape to the refugee camps in France? A frightening dystopian thriller.
Ellis, Deborah	The Breadwinner (Year 6 only) The fascinating, exciting and emotional story of a girl living in war-torn Afghanistan under Taliban rule.
Fine, Anne	The Devil Walks (Year 6 only) A genuinely creepy story about a boy who has been raised in secret by his mother and is then taken to live with his menacing uncle Severin.
Fine, Anne	Up on Cloud Nine A moving story about Ian and his best friend Stolly, who is in a coma.
Fine, Anne	The Tulip Touch Natalie is drawn into the dangerous world of her friend Tulip, whose games become increasingly sinister.
Funke, Cornelia	Inkheart The first book in an exciting fantasy series.
Gaiman, Neil	The Graveyard Book The spooky story of Bod, who is raised by ghosts in a graveyard.
Garner, Alan	The Weirdstone of Brisingamen Colin and Susan are pursued by sinister creatures in this exciting story of magic and ancient legends.
Gleitzman, Morris	Once (Year 6 only) Jewish orphan Felix travels across wartime Poland in this short but very powerful book. Incredibly moving but also funny. The story stays with you.
Hoffman, Mary	City of Masks A time slip fantasy adventure, this is the first book in the exciting Stravaganza series.
Ibbotson, Eva	Star of Kazan Annika longs for the mother who abandoned her when she was a baby. An exciting mystery with plenty of twists and turns.
Laird, Elizabeth	The Garbage King The story of two Ethiopian boys from very different backgrounds who both find themselves living on the city streets.
Lowry, Lois	The Giver (Year 6 only) In the future there is no war, no hunger, no pain. But Jonas discovers that his community is not as perfect as it seems. Exciting and moving.
Magorian, Michelle	Back Home After WWII a young evacuee returns home to England from years spent in the USA, to a family she doesn't know.

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McCaughrean, Geraldine	The Death-Defying Pepper Roux The remarkable and totally original story of a boy who has been told he will die at age 14. Can he escape his fate by slipping into a series of other lives?
McKenzie, Sophie	Girl, Missing (Year 6 only) Lauren knows she was adopted but has now found evidence that she may have been snatched from an American family as a baby. A gripping plot.
Morpurgo, Michael	Private Peaceful During WWI Private Peaceful is waiting for morning, when something terrible will happen. He thinks back over his childhood. Extremely moving.
Mulligan, Andy	Trash (Year 6 only) When a street child finds a small bag whilst sorting through rubbish, he and his friends find themselves on a dangerous adventure.
Ness, Patrick	A Monster Calls A novel about coming to terms with loss, this book is both moving and scary. The atmospheric illustrations are fabulous.
Nicholson, William	The Windsinger In the evil city of Aramant, exams are everything. When Kestrel dares to rebel, her whole family is sentenced to the harshest punishment.
Nimmo, Jenny	The Rinaldi Ring Grieving after the death of his mother, Eliot finds himself haunted by a presence from the past. A beautifully written, atmospheric story.
Pullman, Philip	The Ruby in the Smoke 16 year-old Victorian Sally Lockhart sets out to discover who murdered her father.
Reeve, Philip	Larklight Larklight is a Victorian house floating in space in this fantastically inventive science-fiction story.
Robinson, Joan G	When Marnie Was There An eerie story about a lonely girl who finally makes a friend. But is Marnie actually real?
Rodman, Mary Ann	Yankee Girl A powerful story about racism in 1960s America. When Alice moves from Chicago to the Deep South, she is shocked by the racist attitudes there.
Singer, Nicky	Feather Boy An unusual and spooky story about a tormented boy, the boy who bullies him and a deserted house.
Stroud, Jonathan	The Screaming Staircase A fabulous mixture of adventure, mystery, humour and the supernatural, as Lockwood & Co. Psychic Investigation Agency tackles a ghost epidemic.
Swindells, Robert	A Skull in Shadows Lane A group of boys see a creepy skeletal face in the window of a deserted house and are shocked when they learn the man's secret. A tense thriller.
Updale, Eleanor	Johnny Swanson Johnny's mother has been wrongly accused of murder and faces the death penalty. Johnny must risk his own life to track down the real killer.
Updale, Eleanor	Montmorency The exciting adventures and double life of a Victorian criminal/gentleman.
Voigt, Cynthia	Homecoming The amazing story of three children who find themselves abandoned in a carpark and decide to continue their long journey across America on foot.