

UKS2 Must Reads

- His Dark Materials Trilogy – Philip Pullman
- The Chronicles of Narnia – C. S. Lewis
- The Butterfly Lion – Michael Morpurgo
- The Spiderwick Chronicles – Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi
- The Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell
- Stig of the Dump – Clive King
- Goodnight Mister Tom – Michelle Magorian
- Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
- The Railway Children – E. Nesbit
- The Girl of Ink and Stars – Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
- Holes – Louis Sachar
- A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snicket
- Wonder – R. J. Palacio
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan
- Street Child – Berlie Doherty
- Alice's Adventures in Wonderland – Lewis Carroll
- Skellig – David Almond
- Tom's Midnight Garden – Philippa Pearce

- Goosebumps Series – R. L. Stine
- Alex Rider Series – Antony Horowitz
- The Goldfish Boy – Lisa Thompson
- Cogheart – Peter Bunzl
- The Arrival – Shaun Tan
- Clockwork – Philip Pullman

Star Author

Michael
Morpurgo

If you enjoyed...



The Harry Potter Series
by J. K. Rowling

You should try...



The Nowhere Emporium
by Ross MacKenzie

His Dark Materials – Philip Pullman

The best writer of our generation. A challenging read for reading at greater depth. Great for imagination and character.

White Giraffe – Lauren St John

Used in the Year 6 reading stats. A good guide to ensuring reading at age related level – and a great read!

Over the Line – Tom Palmer

Powerful historical novel based on the real-life experiences of a footballer during World War. It approaches the conflict of the First World War through the lens of football (many young people who are reluctant to read find sport an enticing hook). This book is particularly suitable for struggling, reluctant and dyslexic readers.

Skulduggery Series

One of the best fantasy series designed for young readers.

Spiderwick Chronicles – Holly Black & Tony DiTerlizzi

Five captivating books! One thrilling adventure!

Alex Rider Series – Antony Horowitz

This series gets the boys reading. Alex is forcibly recruited into MI6 and finds himself in mortal danger.



A Series of Unfortunate Events – Lemony Snicket

Mystery, adventure and humour – where all the tricky words are explained by the author. 13 books in all.

Wolf Wilder – Katherine Rundell

The Explorer is studied in Yr 5&6 so a good chance to further explore this writer. Katherine Rundell brilliantly captures the wildness of childhood, and the bravery required to get through it. It's a story of revolution and adventure, about standing up for the things you love and fighting back. And, of course, wolves.

Goldfish Boy – Lisa Thompson

A page-turning, heart-breaking, but ultimately life-affirming, a story about a boy with OCD who turns detective.

Boy At the Back of the Class – Onjali Rauf

Winner of the Blue Peter Book Award 2019 and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize 2019. The Boy at the Back of the Class is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense.