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If you are anything like us, the classic literature never gets old. We can read it over and over again. We are so pleased to share with you this great list of classic literature for children! Many great companies have taken our favorite stories and adapted them to fit our children's ages and understanding. Take a look below and we hope you'll find your favorite to share with a special little one in your life.Recommended books for year 6 for children in Year 6 should be confident readers if they have had numerous opportunities for reading independently and with adults and other children at home and school. There are numerous age-appropriate books and other reading materials that offer opportunities for deeper thinking and reflection. Most year 6 children are interested in the issues that affect their own lives and the world. Reading these books will elicit thought-provoking discussions. Some words of caution: getting better at reading doesn't mean reading books that have been written with an older audience in mind; there is a huge variety of books written for children in the transition from primary to secondary school. Year 6 is also when everything can feel very serious, so some lightness provided by humour may be exactly what is needed. Inclusivity is a key consideration in all our selections. Most of the books and special easy-purchase collections are available from our bookselling partner Best Books for Schools. The book selection for our recommended reading lists is overseen by Just Imagine Director Nikki Gamble, a former teacher and university lecturer, co-author of Guiding Readers and author of Exploring Childrens Literature. teacher and university lecturer specialising in literacy and childrens literature. Recommended book lists for other year groups. Our top picks from recent titles by Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin. Published by Rock the Boat. A thrilling middle-grade historical adventure from bestselling authors Ruta Sepetys and Steve Sheinkin. bound by the Official Secrets Act It is the summer of 1940. The world is at war. These days, you dont know who you can trust or who might be a secret codebreaking centre at Bletchley Park. As Jakob works to crack the Nazis Enigma cipher, his younger sister Lizzie is busy on an undercover mission of her own: to find their mother. Filled with codes to decipher and mysteries to unravel, this is the unputdownable historical adventure that will have you on the edge of your seats. Our reviewer; Stephen Dilley, writes, The story is cleverly written and structured so that alongside the codes which Jakob and his colleagues are trying to solve, there are puzzles which readers can have a go at alongside Jakob and Lizzie, including some extra secret messages buried in the text just for us.Read the full reviewBy Eric Colossal . Published by Abrams.The sleepy seaside town of Crater is falling apart. The buildings are run-down, the streets are full of potholes, and the power is unreliable.However, its the only home Lily Cole has ever known, and despite her protests, Lilys family will be moving away at the end of the summer. Now, Lily is determined to spend as much time as possible with her friends before she leaves, riding bikes, hanging out, and playing stickball. When a foul ball leads the kids into an abandoned mansion on the edge of town, the gang is shocked to discover that Crater is haunted by thousands of ghosts, and theyve stumbled upon the tools to hunt and trap them! With ghost traps fully charged and bikes at the ready, join Lily and her friends in the spookiest summer of their lives. By Phil Earle. Published by Andersen Press Ltd.It is 1911 and Londons docks thrum with underhand deals, none so great as the arrival of a valuable, rare and exotic animal, smuggled from the depths of the Congolese rainforest. The baby gorilla stands to make one man, the shady Goliath Deeds, very, very rich: he and his right-hand man, juvenile pickpocket, Toff Squabble. Heaven help anyone who dares stand in their way, not least the brave and innocent twelve-year-old Nettie Beecroft, who finds herself embroiled in a dangerous rescue attempt where she encounters toshers, bone grubbers and gangsters. Whom can Nettie trust? And can she save the life of this very special creature?By Peter Burns. Published by HarperCollins Publishers.13-year-old Tom Morgan and his friends live on the streets of an alternate London, shining shoes and picking pockets until one day Toms friends are caught and sent to a brutal workhouse. Frantic and without a way to save them, Tom bumps into the mysterious Corsair, who offers him an opportunity to train at an elite international boarding school for thieves. Seeing a glimmer of hope, Tom lets himself be whisked away to the snowy Alps in a zeppelin. Swept into a thrilling world of danger and intrigue, the more secrets he learns about the Shadow League, the harder it becomes for Tom to leave. But there are dark forces at work and real danger is coming Can Tom save his fellow pupils from disaster and ever be able to get home again to rescue his friends?By Donna Amey Bhatt, Vikesh Amey Bhatt, Vikesh Amey Bhatt. Illustrated by Salini Perera. Published by Nosy Crow.Lands of Belonging is a unique exploration of the rich and complicated history of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Britain. There are many ways of telling the same story, and how you tell it depends on your point of view. Some stories are so complicated, or difficult to explain, that theyre not often told at all.By Zohra Nabi . Published by Simon & Schuster Ltd.Cassia Thorne leads a double life. By day, she sells ballads at Bartholomew Fair. By night she spends her evenings locked up in Fleet Prison.Cassia has plans of escaping both of these lives. But this year there are rumours of children being snatched off of the streets of London and no one willing to help. So Cassia decides to take matters into her own hands; with the help of a young pickpocket, Teo and her friend Felix, Cassia starts to investigate the disappearances. She soon discovers a sinister conspiracy at the heart of the city mysterious men in blue coats and whispers of a beast that lives in the deep dark tunnels below the city. Can Cassia get to the bottom of the mystery and rescue the missing children before its too late? By Unknown Adventurer, Teddy Keen . Published by Quarto Publishing PLC. This was meant to be a journal of my quest to find the sea nomads, but a few days ago something happened that turned my world upside down . . . You are about to read an adventure story so real youll be able to taste the salt water on your lips. I dont know how it will end but Ill keep writing this journal as long as Im able. One day I hope I can give it to you. After hes flung from a ferry after seeing something so dangerous he would be killed for his silence, the Unknown Adventurer washes up on a deserted island. Completely alone, he puts his survival skills to the test and begins the journal he promised his younger siblings he would write. But after a while he notices that it is not all what it seems on the island and something mysterious lies across the lagoon. Something he must investigate. Take a deep breath. You are about to enter dangerous waters. By Kevin Crossley-Holland. Published by Walker Books Ltd. Tor is the youngest son of Harald Hardrada, King of Norway and leader of the Viking fleet, whose countless victories have been woven into song, his prowess the stuff of legend. Kata knows little of her parents, but her heart yearns for something beyond the small world of her Anglo-Saxon village south of the great city of York. When Tor is sent to scout ahead of the Viking fleet after their invasion of Scarborough, he relies on his father. Soon, however, he meets Kata, a caring and capable young woman whose fierce nature sets Tors heart alight. But these are troubled times. Mistrust and rumours ripple through the land: the mighty Hardrada is coming and help is far from hand. As the eve of battle draws closer, Kata and Tor must question to whom their loyalty lies: heart or home? By Anna James. Illustrated by David Wyatt. Published by HarperCollins Publishers. In Whetherwhy, everyone has magic inside them grown from the changing seasons of spring, summer, autumn and winter. But a rare few are Enchanters: people born with magic in their bones, who can wield all four seasons of magic. When Juniper discovers she is an Enchanter, she is invited to study at Thistledown Academy. Unwilling to be left behind, her twin brother, Rafferty, follows her to the capital city of Stormgrove and takes up an apprenticeship at a bookbindery. As Juniper learns to wield enchantment, Rafferty becomes involved with a mysterious secret society that meets after dark. Monsters are creeping out of the shadows and dangers lurk in unexpected places. Amid night markets and magic lessons, the twins realise there is more to enchantment than they ever imagined and the adventure that follows brings their paths together again in ways they could never have expected By Rita Williams-Garcia. Illustrated by Sharee Miller. Published by HarperCollins Publishers Inc.I wish I didnt know that I was marching my sisters into a boiling pot of trouble cooking in OaklandEleven-year-old Delphine is like a mother, Cecile, left them seven years ago for a radical new life in California. But when the sisters arrive from Brooklyn to spend the summer with their mother in Oakland, Cecile is nothing like they imagined. While the girls hope to go to Disneyland and meet Tinker Bell, their mother sends them to a day camp run by the Black Panthers. Unexpectedly, Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern learn much about their family, their country, and themselves during one truly crazy summer. By Colette Hiller. Illustrated by Tor Freeman. Published by Quarto Publishing PLC. Boost your childs growing vocabulary with 75 hilariously illustrated poems from Colette Hiller, author of the critically acclaimed kids poetry book
The B on Your Thumb. Each poem in this funny, funky book teaches a specific important word, as well as its meaning and spelling, in an innovative and accessible format that kids will love. Using rhythm and wordplay, the poems help build a colossal vocabulary, thinking skills and literacywithout kids even noticing!By Georgia Channon. Published by Pushkin Children's Books. May the moon light your way All is not well in the kingdom of Silvanland The ancient feud between Queen Titania and King Oberons ruthless soldiers, the Silvan forces think all hope is lost. But fate has other plans. In the mortal world, hidden away in an old oak tree, there lies a portal. And through this portal a girl called Oli will soon fall. Her arrival in the magical land will change everythingBy Mat Ricardo . Published by Faber & Faber. This entertaining guide that will teach you an astonishing range of circus tricks, juggling skills, comedy sets, magic, spy manoeuvres and science tricks. Mat Ricardo has always been incredibly shy but through practice and dedication, he found his confidence to become one of the countrys greatest and most widely respected showmen. In this book, for the first time, he reveals exactly what you need to do to discover the magic in you. By Fidan Meikle . Published by Floris Books. Thirteen-year-old Samim is a loyal friend, a gifted chess player and a refugee. After his family is killed in a bombing, Samim makes a long, dangerous journey from Afghanistan to the UK. But even then his safety isnt guaranteed: Samim must tell his story to convince the authorities to let him stay for good. as a boy for safety, the courageous grandmother seeking a new home for her nine grandchildren, and especially his funny, spirited best friend Zayn. With his past never forgotten, Samim begins to build a new life in the UK: starting school and making new friends. But he also faces bigoted bullies and an uncertain future. Will Samim be granted asylum and allowed to stay in his new home?By Padraig Kenny . Published by Walker Books Ltd.Jen and her father are making their way across a deserted world after a technology, but also many people who were connected to a central information hive. Those who are left behind must find each other and build a new life. But Jens father isnt related to her by blood he is a human-appearing AI, a glitch in the system, and a secret that must be kept, even from those she wishes she could trustTeachers' TreasuresClassic and established favouritesBy Margaret Mahy. Published by Hachette. Eight-year-old Barney has been haunted before. He thought it was something hed just grow out of, like the imaginary friends his step-mother believes he has. But this time, its different. Footsteps follow him, theres a demanding voice barking orders and Barney begins to feel that sometimes his body is not his own at all . . . With the help of his sisters, Tabitha and Troy, Barney sets out to uncover the truth about their family secrets and find out who it is whos haunting him. Margaret Mahys classic ghost story won the Carnegie Medal. Its a good class read aloud for a robust class or an addition to the class bookshelf or school library. By Gary Crew. Illustrated by Shaun Tan. Published by Hachette Australia. The Viewer tells the peculiar story of a boy whose obsession with curious artefacts leads him to discover a strange box at a dump site. It proves to be an ancient chest full of optical devices, one of which captures his interest; an intricately mechanical object carrying disks of images; scenes of destruction, violence and the collapse of civilisations. A thoughtprovoking and unsettling picturebook suitable for readers at the top of KS2 and KS3. Children will need time to explore the details of the images, either independently or in a literature circle type discussion. By Ross Montgomer. Published by Faber. Its a dark and lonely Christmas Eve in the dining room of ancient Souls College. The kitchen boy, 11year-old Lewis, has helped prepare a highly unusual meal, made with unrecognisable ingredients, cooked by a mysterious chef. And then the guests arrive Ross Montgomery is at his best in this deliciously Gothic selection of stories, as each guest tries to outdo the others with their tale of terror. An excellent read aloud choice, particularly in the run up to Christmas.By Philip Pullman. Illustrated by Peter Bailey. Published by Peter Bailey. Published by Penguin Random House.It is a cold winters night when Karl enters the White Horse Tavern looking like hes swallowed a thundercloud. His final task as a clockmaker apprentice is to make a new figure for the great clock of Glockenheim. He has not made the figure or got any idea of what it could be, and the unveiling is tomorrow. Fritz is also in the tavern, there to read aloud his new spooky story. Like Karl, he hasnt finished. Well, he knows how the story going and just has to hope that the ending will come to him as he tells it. Philip Pullmans Gothic fairy tale may be short, but it tackles some profound themes and will raise the hairs on the back of your neck, too. This is a popular choice in our Take One Book resource. By Shaun Tan. Illustrated by Shaun Tan. Illust country, a place without family or friends, where everything is nameless, and the future is unknown. This silent graphic novel is the story of every migrant, every migrant starting point for a class discussionBy Robert C O'Brien. Published by Penguin Random House. Time is running out for Mrs Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children. She must move her family before the farmer destroys their home. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and is too sick to be taken on such a perilous journey. Help comes in the unexpected form of a highly extraordinary breed of super-intelligent rats. The rats of NIMH come up with a brilliant solution to Mrs Frisby discovers their extraordinary past . . . A classic animal adventure story but with depths that more experienced readers will uncover through sensitive, guided discussions. By Kiran Millwood Hargrave . Published by Chicken House. When Isabellas friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search party. As a mapmakers daughter, shes equipped with elaborate ink maps and knowledge of the stars, eager to navigate the islands forgotten heart. But beneath the mountains, a legendary fire demon awakens, and her journey is fraught with danger A beautifully written and highly original story in which myth, magic and political intrigue play their part. This novel will particularly appeal to year 6 readers who enjoy literary stories. By Neil Gaiman. Illustrated by Chris Riddell. Published by Bloomsbury. Nobody Owens, known to his friends as Bod, is a normal boy. He would be completely normal if he didnt live in a graveyard, raised and educated by ghosts. There, living among the dead, Bod discovers that he possesses remarkable magical powers: he can avoid peoples notice, scare them, and even invade their dreams. There are dangers and adventures for Bod in the graveyard. But it is in the land of the living that the real danger lurks, Neil Gaiman won the Carnegie Medal for this novel. It bears all the Gaiman hallmarks his wit, humour and wisdom. It raises lots of thoughts about what it takes to raise a child and makes an interesting comparison with The Jungle Book. Year 6 classes might like to read and compare these two classics written just over 100 years apart. By Hilary McKay. Published by Macmillan. After Saffron discovers shes adopted, life is never quite the same. Her artistic parents and doting siblings adore her, but Saffy wants a piece of her past. So when her grandfather bequests her a stone angel a relic from the childhood she never knew Saffy knows she has to find it. Realizing Siena holds the key, she stows away on a car trip to Italy. Hilary McKay is a writer that I would like all year 6 to encounter. She writes with warmth and compassion about people and in particular, families. And her writing style is sublime a classic storytelling voice. All the Casson family books are good additions to the library or class collection. By Armin Greder. Illustrated by Armin Greder. Published by Murdoch Books. In the morning, the people of the island found a man sitting on the shore, where fate and the ocean currents had set him and his frail raft in the night. When he saw them coming towards him, he rose to his feet. He was not like them. So begins Armin Greders powerful fable which has much resonance for the world today. Read aloud with a class and with thoughtfully structured authentic dialogue, this book will help young readers reflect not only on the plight of the man in the story but also on how challenges are to be addressed when there are such inequalities across societies. Listen to Armin Greder talking to Nikki Gamble In the Reading CornerBy Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Illustrated by Steven Lenton. Published by Macmillan.Brothers Damian and Anthony didnt mean to get caught up in a botched train robbery. But what would you do if a massive bag of cash dropped from the sky and you had only a few days to spend it before it became worthless? Buy a million pizzas? End world poverty? Not such an easy decision, is it? The boys soon find out that being rich is a mugs game. Laugh-out-loud, heart, and children will learn much about what it means to be a caring human being from discussing the storys themes. Its not surprising that this is one of the most-read novels in year 6By Philippa Pearce. Published by Oxford University Press.When Tom is sent to stay at his aunt and uncles house for the summer, he resigns himself to endless weeks of boredom. As he lies awake in his bed he hears the grandfather clock downstairs strike . . . eleven . . . twelve . . . thirteen . . . Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and out the back door into a garden everyone told him wasnt there. In this enchanted thirteenth hour, the garden comes alive but Tom is never sure whether the
children he meets there are real or ghosts . . . When Philip Pullman received the Carnegies, he stated in his acceptance speech Personally I feel they got the initials right but not the name. I dont know if the result would be the same in a hundred years time; maybe Philippa Pearce would win then. Toms Midnight Garden is a tightly structured novel and crafted novel and cr likely reflect more deeply on the novels themes. By Morris Gleitzman. Published by Penguin Random House. My name is Felix. This is my story. Felix has been living in an orphanage for three years and eight months when the men in armbands arrive to burn the books. Going on the run in search of his parents, Felix soon learns that Poland in 1942 is not a safe place for Jewish boys. But can his gift for storytelling keep him one step ahead of the Nazis and help him find his parents?Not many writers can take a subject, there is so much light in this book. The courage that some display in order to do the best for humanity and the redemptive power of love and friendship are ever-present. The language is direct and simple, but it is all the more powerful for that. This is definitely a book that is best read with adult support and guidanceBy David Almond. Published by Hachette.When a move to a new house coincides with his baby sisters illness, Michaels world seems suddenly lonely and uncertain. Then, one Sunday afternoon, he stumbles into the old ramshackle garage of his new home and finds something magical. A strange creature part owl, part angel, a being who needs Michaels help if he is to survive. With his new friend Mina, Michael nourishes Skellig back to health while his baby sister languishes in the hospital. But Skellig is far more than he at first appears, and as he helps Michaels world changes forever. . .Haunting and poetic. This is a novel about love and kindness and about families coping with difficult circumstances. Michaels developing friendship with Mina opens his eyes to worlds beyond his experience. By Beverley Naidoo. Published by Penguin Random House. Frightened that their baby sister Dineo will die, thirteen-year-old Naledi and her younger brother Tiro run away from their grandmother to Johannesburg to find their mother, who works there as a maid. Their journey illustrates at every turn the grim realities of apartheid the pass laws, bantustans, racism, the breakdown of family life. The opulence of the white Madams house contrasts starkly with the reality that Naledi and Tiro face that their baby sister is suffering from starvation, not an incurable diseaseThis post was written by Nikki Gamble Formerly a teacher (secondary and primary) and university lecturer, with over 40 years experience, Nikki is Director of Just Imagine. She has worked extensively in schools across the UK and internationally. She is the author of Exploring Childrens Literature now in its fourth edition (Sage, 2019) and co-author of Exploring Childrens Literature now in its fourth edition (Sage, 2019) and co-author of Exploring Childrens Literature now in its fourth edition (Sage, 2019) and co-author of Exploring Childrens Literature now in its fourth edition (Sage, 2019) and co-author of Exploring Childrens Literature now in its fourth edition (Sage, 2019) and co-author of Exploring Childrens Literature now in its fourth edition (Sage, 2019) and co-author of Exploring workshops for teachers, librarians, students and researchers on different aspects of children's literature, an online summer school and hosts literature, an online summer school and hosts literature, and librarians. Are you looking for a storybook for the classroom, the library, or your childs collection, or choosing titles for a class reading list, or a curriculum spine of year 6 books? The following list contains 50 titles for children aged 10-11 in KS2 of primary school, suitable for individual reading, paired reading, class teaching, and book clubs. These reading for pleasure recommendations for 10-year-old pupils consist of a variety of fiction and nonfiction books for all ability ranges and interests. The books in this list are reviewed termly and include middle-grade novels and stories by Jamila Gavin, Maz Evans, Zizou Corder, Nina Bawden and more. Books for Year 6 children aged 10-11As an Amazon Associate schoolreadinglist.co.uk earns from qualifying purchases. Set in the village of Velp the Netherlands during the WW2 Nazi occupation, Resist follows teenage Edda as she feels compelled to help the resistance in the face of oppressive control, arrests and starvation. Based on the experiences of Audrey Hepburn, this is a thought-provoking read, and an ideal text to discuss with Year 6 classes studying WW2, the Holocaust and Anne Frank. Full of warmth, empathy, emotion and determination, Resist is a fast-moving and gripping page-turner that will inspire upper KS2 readers to read more historical fiction. Historical This enchanting novel-length fairy tale draws on traditional elements to spin an unforgettable and richly woven story of magic, danger, and adventure. While Rumaysa searches for her long-lost parents, a carriage appears to take her to see the Queen of Bishnara. But all is not as it seems, and winged beasts and witches await. Spli into three parts with beautiful illustrations and 17 short chapters overall, this is a terrific book for children in Year 6 to read aloud and discuss over the course of 8 or 9 weeks. Fairy tale Xanthe discovers a way to put together her grandmothers remarkable life with the help of an enigmatic cat. This compelling novel spans continents and cultures to examine themes of home, family, and being a refugee. Highly recommended. Read our full review. Family | Refugees The end of Year 5 through to the end of primary school is told through fragments of life in this unique verse story. Accessible, powerful, and highly relatable, Year 6 children will empathise with Nate and the challenges he faces at home, his struggles with bullying at school, and deciphering what really matters between the ages of 10 and 11. Highly recommended. Featured as our fiction book of the month for September 2023. Verse story While Valentines former top spy mum and one-time supervillain dad divorce, a growing evil lurks in the form of an Evil Overlord who wants to take over the world. Will Valentine be able to save us all from certain doom? The addictive fast-paced and funny plot will keep readers mesmerised. Previously featured as our fiction book of the month. Thriller Series Never, ever fall asleep in this fast-paced and mysterious horror thriller! When Lance sets foot in the Crater Lake activity centre, little does he realise what awaits him and his friends. Will they be able to stop aliens in time before they brainwash all their teachers and classmates? A cracking creepy page-turner for independent readers. Horror | Adventure Feeling lonely and isolated on a school trip on the edge of a marsh, Jodie hears the sound of a barking dog. As she sets off to find it, the tide comes in and she finds herself trapped. Will she be able to find a way to safety, and is the rumour that the marshes are haunted true? Jodie is a memorable and atmospheric middle-grade ghost story. A moving shorter text for less confident readers. Highly recommended. Ghost story Jack is out of control, getting into trouble at school and pushing boundaries. He thinks his mum doesnt notice until she invites him to join her on a surprise work trip, unexpectedly adventuring deep into the rainforest where real danger exists around every corner. Can Jack adjust and see what really matters in life? Covering themes of gang peer pressure, loss of a parent, attention-seeking behaviour and bravado, Wild is a book with bite perfect for book club discussion and use as an impetus for creative writing. Environment | Grief Narrated in the first person by Ahmet, a nine-year-old Syrian refugee, this story follows how he copes with life in London, and how he plans to find the family he left behind. A masterpiece of empathy with situations and storylines that children will relate to, this is an excellent book to spark discussion, hot seating, and creative writing in Year 6 literacy and English lessons. Diverse The gloriously atmospheric and enigmatic quest story sees young heroines Sophie and Lil cross the Atlantic Ocean to New York in search of their captive friend. However, the dangerous and shadowy Fraternitas have other ideas and will stop at nothing to thwart their rescue attempt. A perfect class reader for year 6 teachers who are looking for a new Titanic-era text. Historical An extremely funny book of facts and true stories which will appeal to reluctant readers. Bright and engaging illustrations. A great book for year 6s to dip into. Funny A History of Earth, Dinosaurs, Rulers, Robots and Other Things Too Numerous this fantastic and unique non-fiction book is highly recommended to stretch and encourage inquisitive children and develop critical thinking. This recently revised and expanded edition is a brilliant resource for any year 6 classroom or childs bookshelf at home. Read our review for more details. Encyclopaedia A compelling journey unfolds as two 13-year-old girls one who has woken up with amnesia and the other on a quest cross the Australian Outback. They develop a friendship, despite underlying secrets. Ideal for middle-grade readers seeking adventure and cultural exploration, this tale intricately weaves Australian history and Aboriginal beliefs into its narrative. Featured in our best childrens books coming out in Spring 2023. Friendship Dive into a world of knowledge with Encyclopedia Infographica, which features 200 infographics packed with information about space, Earth, animals, humans, and technology. Every page is laden with visual hooks and just the right amount of text to spark thought, imagination and higher-order questioning. Britannicas Encyclopedia Infographica is highly recommended for children interested
in STEM, real facts and learning how the world and universe beyond works. Encyclopaedia Rapping teacher Christian Foley offers invaluable guidance for students transitioning from primary to secondary school in this confidence-building and bullying are all covered in this comprehensive guide that will empower students to approach transition without fear. The accessible text and clear structure will help readers develop resilience and look forward to success in their new schools. Read our full review. Hope and his dysfunctional family. Touching and thought-provoking, it is an excellent book to read after Wonder and a great book to discuss with Year 6 students in PSHE. This story is a brilliant study of family relationships and changing friendships. Family A thrilling graphic novel with sparkling text and dialogue. Ebo is left alone when his brother disappears and his sister has already fled. Now he must set out on an epic and dangerous journey across deserts and through dangerous city streets to reach the sea, and a chance to escape and find his family. An accessible and well-written illustrated text, this is an ideal year 6 book for guided reading groups. Adventure What if there was a world powered not by gas, coal or electricity, but by the force of imagination? An inspirational, uplifting and heartwarming story about coping with a captivating narrative is an Alice Through the Looking Glass for modern times. Beautifully written, this classic in the making will appeal Emporium. With rich language and sharply written descriptions, this is a great class reader book for Year 6. Fantasy Inspired by the heroic actions of the Grand Mosque of Paris, Hiba Noor Khan delivers with this captivating novel that follows Safiyyah, a young Muslim girl in Nazi-occupied Paris. Amidst the turmoil, Safiyyahs quest for justice leads her into the clandestine resistance against oppression. The poignant storytelling sheds light on the forgotten role of Muslims in history, showcasing bravery, empathy, and resilience amidst adversity. Its a compelling read which will resonate with more advanced Year 6 readers. Historical A moving and memorable story about time travel. When Al reads a letter it sets off a chain of events in which he races to travel back to 1984 to try and save his late father. A highly imaginative and thought-provoking middle-grade chapter book, this is a must-read novel for year sixes. Science fiction When her father goes missing in mysterious circumstances, Lilys life is in sudden danger. Who took her father and what do they want? A great page-turner book for ten-year-olds set in a steampunk Victorian world of shadowy clockmakers. With relatable characters and an ever-twisting plot, this is a compelling book for group reading in year 6. Adventure Isabella finds herself on a captivating quest to find the mysterious lands her father once mapped. In this beautifully realised adventure story with elements of magic, myth and legend, Isabella finds herself the unlikely heroine tasked with saving her world. With rich language and atmospheric description, this is a high-quality text to underpin a year 6 literacy unit. Fantasy This lively drama follows one girls life upheaval starting a new school in Hong Kong where not everything goes according to plan. Frenemies and culture shock are on the horizon. Can Holly-Mei jut the sparkle back into her soon-to-be teenage life? The Not-So Uniform Life of Holly-Mei is the perfect light-hearted fun, true-to-life, upper primary / lower secondary read. School story Set on the remote island of St Kilda, this is an interesting fantasy reality story involving a magic black box that can transport 11-year-old Alice and her friends to incredible and far-flung locations. There, they have to work together to safeguard the planet in this, the first of a unique trilogy of eco-climate thrillers. This is a useful book to inspire year six children who are interested in climate change. Realistic A deceptively dark story about a boy taken by his mum to live in the country after a family drama. Eren is a strange and magical creature that lives in the attic. The surprising and unpredictable twists will keep year six children reading until the end. With taut plotting and short crisp chapters, this is a good option to read with a year six class that wants something slightly different. Horror A classic story of adventure and loss. Three children and their mother leave their lives in London to live in a small cottage in the country. Will they discover the mystery of their fathers disappearance? A classic novel to study in year 6 literacy lessons, this book is a valuable resource for teaching empathy, characterisation and inference. Classic When a mums son, Tom, and a dads daughter, Zara, are blended together into a family neither of them wants, all their lives are drawn together in ways they could never have imagined. An inspirational story of trust and courage that will appeal to empathetic children in Year 6. Family Martha lives with a dark secret the abomination. Can she escape her strict upbringing and reveal the secret or is she better off keeping quiet? A more challenging novel, this text is a good option for year 6 children who are interested in books with bite and dystopian storylines. Dystopia Carrie and her brother Nick are evacuated to Wales to live with the strict Mr Evans. When Carrie visits Hepzibah Green she does perhaps the worst thing imaginable. How can she make things right? This modern classic is an ideal class reader for Year 6 pupils, and there are numerous teaching guides and resources available for this text. Historical 12-year-old Izzy Palmers world changes when her father transitions to become Danielle. Set in the small town of Littlehaven, the story explores Izzys fears and uncertainties about her familys future and what other people will think. Addressing themes of identity and acceptance, Nothing Ever Happens Here offers a sensitive portrayal of Littlehaven, the story explores Izzys fears and uncertainties about her familys future and what other people will think. family dynamics and trans issues. Featured in our LGBTQIA books list. LGBTQIA A mind-blowing fold-out wallchart book that chronicles the history of sport from the ancient Olympics to the present day. Presented thematically by different types of sport this two-metre-long fold-out timeline is painstakingly illustrated by Andy Forshaw. A perfect research book, extension activity or display resource for Year 6 classrooms. Sport Left abandoned as a baby on a farm, Simon Sparrow lives a tough life. However, he has an amazing gift. Every animal he meets understands and trusts him. A more challenging book, this award-winning childrens novel explores farming life, our relationship with animals and trusts him. and what defines friendship and loyalty. This is a great book to discuss with more advanced readers in year 6 book clubs. Animals An enchanting collection of nine short stories are perfect to read and discuss in literacy or PSHE with children in year 6, or to use as a guided reader with groups of children who prefer shorter texts. Short stories A story, told in diary entries, of Mandys unpredictable life and unusual parents. Mandy has so many things to worry about she starts to wonder if shes going mad. A lively choice to read and model for classes studying autobiographies in year six, this book will appeal to children who enjoy high-interest, funny, and shorter texts. Family Joe is miserable and longs to escape her clutches? This darkly humorous tale will appeal to children who want something quirky, with irony, wickedly nasty characters and clever plot twists. Funny When an unwanted child is evacuated to live with a woman who doesnt want children, an unlikely bond forms through their mutual desire to protect Adonis a magnificent silverback gorilla. With vibrant characters and an emotionally moving plot, this is an ideal class novel for hot-seating, discussing empathy, and reading with Year 6 classes learning about WW2. Historical | Empathy The classic tale of Bilbo Baggins, a Hobbit, and his quest to travel with Gandalf and a band of dwarves to steal the treasure of a fearsome dragon. A more challenging book, The Hobbit will appeal to children who enjoy immersive fantasy worlds and memorable characters. Fantasy After a storm, Michael is washed overboard from his parents yacht and finds himself marooned on a distant island with a Japanese soldier who survived the Hiroshima bombing. Kensuke has to make a decision whether to stay on his island home or help Michael complete a dangerous quest to find his mother and father. A great book for year 6 group reading and book clubs. Historical Charlie can speak to cats and every type of cat even a lion. He sets out on a perilous journey to find his kidnapped parents who have found a cure for asthma. Can his circus animal friends protect him from being captured before he finds them? A moving and emotive animal story with rich language and evocative descriptions, this is an ideal class reading text for year six. Animals Mystery, fantasy, history and hope combine in this bewitching and atmospheric novel suitable for children aged 9-12. Can Ellie overcome a family tragedy and cope with living in a new and unfamiliar place? Full of rich and evocative language, this would be a great book to study in year 6. Family | Empathy Chas has a good collection of wartime bullets, shells and memorabilia. But its not quite the best collection in Garmouth. Thats until he finds a machine gun and 2000 rounds of ammunition, ready to fire. A gripping and fast-paced story with lots of dialogue, this is an ideal addition to Year 6 WW2 topics. Historical An imaginative picture book ideal for older reluctant readers. Tristan finds an old picture-viewing device in a rubbish dump and becomes drawn further and further into the places and worlds he sees until finally, he disappears into one of them. A perfect book
for year 6 children who are imaginative, but reluctant readers. Picture book Peter discovers theres more to his father than meets the eye in this mystical historical story of travellers, vampire slayers and a beautiful princess. An ideal book for those interested in immersive historical fiction, this multi-layered story is a useful text to use when analysing and modelling characterisations with children who are working at a greater depth level in year 6 literacy lessons. Horror Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell transports readers to the Archipelago, a realm where mythical creatures thrive. When Christopher stumbles upon this hidden world, he joins Mal, a girl with a flying coat and a baby griffin, on a quest to uncover the cause of the declining magical essence, or glimourie. As they navigate dangers and dark forces threatening the islands, their journey reveals broader themes of environmental crisis and sacrifice. Rundells imaginative storytelling and richly detailed world is perfect for readers aged 10+. Featured in our best childrens books coming out in Autumn 2023. Fantasy A young Jewish boy is determined to escape from an orphanage to find and rescue his parents from Nazi Germany. The first of a ground-breaking series, this story is an excellent analysis of war from a childs perspective. A moving book to discuss in year 6 books clubs with more able students, it is also a good choice to compare and contrast with The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier. Historical Sade and her brother Femi are illegals. They have fled from Nigeria where their father is being persecuted only to find London a harsh and unforgiving environment and not the safe haven they had hoped for. This modern classic is a childrens novel that lends itself to character hot seating and discussing different viewpoints in year six literacy lessons. Diverse Separated from his parents in Poland in World War Two, Jan and his three friends travel through war-torn Europe to Switzerland with only a silver sword for protection. Will he find his parents? This gripping childrens novel is an addictive storytime read-aloud that classes will look forward to each day. Historical A powerful magic stone must be returned to its owner and Rose has been tasked with keeping it safe. A unique and adventurous brew of contemporary life, myth, epic quest and Irish magic, The Silver Road will enchant Year 6 readers. Highly recommended. Read our full review. Quest | Magic In the run-down garage of his new home, Michael finds a magical creature called Skellig. At the same time, Michaels baby sister is gravely ill in hospital. Somehow Skellig seems to hold the key to saving her. Great for reluctant readers and perfect to add to a year 6 classroom library. Fantasy Gemma struggles to deal with the pain of losing her mother and Mike struggles with a dark secret. When the two children meet they uncover a shocking secret that explains both of their pasts. A gripping psychological thriller that examines social issues, this is an ideal book for Year 6 readers who want a more challenging read. Family Ginika feels abandoned at her grandparents seaside boarding house while her parents try to work out their financial woes. But her loneliness soon gives way to excitement as she meets Peri, a mystery boy from the sea who has a bubbly language and dolphin-like agility. As Ginika and Peri explore each others worlds, their bond deepens. Peris health, however, starts deteriorating because of the noise and lights of the human world, which causes Ginika to face her fears and make important decisions. This immersive and imaginative story weaves together themes of friendship, bravery, and dealing with new environments. Featured in our Edgy stories for 11-14 year olds. Friendship Set in the future, Adults have decided machines cannot be trusted and a world without them is better. When Geoffrey tries to repair a motor he and his sister are hunted as witches. The story follows their flight to France, where everything is very different. A clever dystopian novel, this book will appeal to more able more mature readers who enjoy fantasy, magic and imagination. Dystopia Eleven-year-old Ari is convinced that his sister Lana was kidnapped by the Twig Man, a malevolent figure who dwells in the woods. Nobody believes him, so Ari has to take matters into his own hands and confront the Twig Man to get Lana back. Teaming up with an unlikely new friend, Timmy, Ari combats the dark creature and uncovers the truth. The novel blends suspense with creepy eeriness, making it an compelling read for 10+ horror fans. Horror Katy is a tomboy, her hair is always a mess and her clothes look awful. But when theres an awful accident, her life changes forever. The first in a series of books, this story will appeal to upper KS2 groups who enjoy school-based stories with laugh-out-loud funny moments. Classic This dual narrative follows Shona, the new girl at school, and Charles Dickens Oliver Twist. As Shona tackles problems at home and strange school rules, she empathises with Olivers difficulties in life, which she is reading about in class. This clever story blends contemporary issues with Dickensian themes. Its a good book to spark discussions about empathy, poverty, peer pressure, and overcoming obstacles especially as part of a Victorians topic. School story Jaspal and Marvinder travel from civil war-torn India in 1947 to find their father who is studying far away in England. A stunning historical novel, the epic and atmospheric story will immerse children in the landscape, politics and culture of post-war colonial India. This is a memorable narrative to discuss in book clubs or read as a class novel in year six. Diverse When four children are evacuated to a country house, Lucy looks into the world of Narnia with Aslan, Mr Tumnus the Faun and the White Witch. This classic fantasy puts characters students will empathise with into perilous situations that only heroic actions can overcome. The sparkling storyline has a timeless and endearing quality that may well help to engender a lifelong love of reading in your child. Fantasy Childhood anxiety is depicted through striking black-and-white illustrations in this wordless story of a young boy overwhelmed by his worries. As he struggles with pressures at home and at school, he realises many other people feel the same way. With powerful imagery, Small Things explores vulnerability and support. Its an excellent book to discuss in Year 6. Wordless picture book Set during WW2, William Willie Beech, a boy from London who is abused by his mother, arrives at the home of Mr Thomas Oakley, a bad-tempered widower in his sixties who lives in the village of Little Weirwold. An ideal book for year 6 pupils studying 1939-1945. Historical Ten-year-old James grapples with bullies at school and a challenging relationship with his father when not everyone is enthusiastic about an upcoming surprise choir performance. In this emotional rollercoaster that tackles bullying, self-discovery, and LGBTQ+ acceptance, the character of James sparkles with positivity and resilience, and the supportive cast of his teacher, friends, and loving Nan will offer readers hope. Addressing the realities of LGBTQ+ youth and promoting compassion and empathy, Glitter Boy is a vital addition to UKS2 libraries. Eagletons uplifting narrative is a heartfelt triumph that will provide solace and inspiration to those reading it. LGBTQ+ There are rumours that the Birdman is mad and dangerous. When Gracie and Daniel cannot find a place to sail their boats they island is under an ancient curse. An enchanting and magical story, this is a good text to read as part of WW1 or Remembrance topics. Historical Darren Devlin discovers he is part monster after causing destruction at his school. Rescued by Marek Masters, a 14-year-old with alien heritage, Darren learns they are both products of a secret experiment. As they work together to evade the clutches of a secret organisation, Darren must confront his fears and decide who he can trust. This high-energy adventure blends fast-paced action with positive and relatable characters and will appeal to fans of Alex Rider and Percy Jackson. Highly recommended for less confident readers. Featured in our edgy stories for 11-14 year olds list. Adventure A wonderful story about a family of tiny people who live secretly in the walls and floors of an English house and borrow from the big people in order to survive. This immersive classic is a great novel to encourage your ten-year-old to read for pleasure. Classic When Life Gives You Mangoes is a lyrical, evocative story set in Sycamore Hill, a small Jamaican village. Clara struggles with memory loss from the previous summer, leading to tension with her former best friend and uncertainty about the new girl, Rudy. As the summer progresses, Claras journey to uncover the truth about what happened takes shape. themes of friendship, self-discovery, and community, and features an unforgettable and dramatic twist ending. With its rich depiction of island life and convincing characters, When Life Gives You Mangoes is a memorable read for 10+ year-olds. Friendship The adventures of the 13-year-old young James Bond, set at school and in the Scottish Highlands. With a fast-paced plot, quick-fire dialogue and great action sequences, this would make an exciting adventure option group reader for Year 6 classes. Adventure option group reader for Year 6 classes. Adventure option group reader for Year 6 classes the truth behind his familys connection to the secretive Order of the Evening. When a powerful enemy seeks the Orders hidden palace and its magic, its up to Sam to stop the impending threat. Set in Durham, the novel combines ancient magic, secret societies, and dangerous adventures with fresh and convincing storytelling. Ideal for readers aged 912, this brilliant fantasy adventure features a fast-paced narrative with themes of loyalty, power,
and selfdiscovery. Its a surefire hit for Year 6 whole class reading! Fantasy | Adventure Children will lose days reading this highly imaginative, wild and dangerous adventure! When the Unknown Adventure Children will lose days reading this highly imaginative, wild and conteres some terrifying with huge snakes, piranhas and caiman, and some awe-inspiring with unknown flora and flora. Will the Unknown Adventure and Bibi find the elusive last river? Picture book adventure Avesha is a ten-year-old living in Beirut. Her father left the family for work and her mother was killed by a missile strike. Living with her grandmother and younge siblings, she faces a huge dilemma when her grandmother falls ill. Does she stay to look after her, or does she travel into the unknown to find help? An ideal issue-based storybook for Year 6 reading groups. Diverse This poster recommends 40 books and it will look great in your classroom or library space. This reading challenge card PDF version of our Year 6 Reading List is free to download. For more downloadables, see our free reading resources page. Heres a free background wallpaper of our recommended Year 6 books in this Year 6 books list, as well as class sets of any of these books and many more, from Bookshop.org UK. Or buythe 20 most populartitles from this list from Amazon ideal for gifts or your classroom library. Buy from UK. Bookshop.org, whose fees support independent bookshops; as an Amazon Associate schoolreadinglist.co.uk earns from qualifying purchases.Books for Year 6 videoBelow is a video highlighting all our Year 6 book picks in a catchy 5-minute slideshow which can be displayed in primary school libraries, used in the classroom, at home, for CPD or shared as a link for home learning or remote teaching. Schools & teachers: please respect copyright and dont copy our Year 6 book list. If you find our recommendations useful, please consider sharing on social media or linking to this page instead. Thanks. Books for Year 6 what titles to recommending books that address themes of resilience, self-discovery, and coping with change can offer valuable insights. Consider titles that explore the challenges of exams and SATS pressure, providing relatable stories that depict characters overcoming stress and uncertainty. feelings and embrace leadership roles. Additionally, introducing literature that delves into issues of social and peer pressure equips Year 6 readers with the tools to make thoughtful choices and build strong interpersonal skills as they embark on this significant phase in their academic journey. A well-curated booklist for Year 6 students can prove beneficial here. What reading level should a year 6 be?Determining the appropriate reading level for Year 6 students involves considering both individual abilities and broader literacy benchmarks. Generally, students involves considering both individual abilities and broader literacy benchmarks. and characters. At this stage, a good indicator is their ability to handle books with increased vocabulary, varied sentence structures, and challenging content. However, its crucial to recognize that reading levels can vary among individuals, so providing a range of books that cater to different reading abilities ensures inclusivity and fosters a love for reading in all students. Personalised Year 6 book lists can help to achieve this. Year 6 reading resources Key Stage 2 past reading test papers and answer booklets (gov.uk) for practice. These exemplify the level of comprehension and analysis required by the end of primary. Also, have a look at our KS2 SATS revision book list.BBC Bitesize Year 6 English revision resources covering reading comprehension techniques (such as skimming, scanning, inference) and grammar for Year 6, to help pupils consolidate skills before secondary school. The Reading Framework (DfE) extensive guidance (PDF) from the Department for Education on teaching reading reading in primary schools, with practical advice on phonics, fluency, vocabulary and supporting struggling readers in Year 6 and transition to KS3.EEF Literacy Recommendations (KS2) evidence-based recomm pleasure, and effective use of assessment to inform teaching. For less demanding books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. For the more able child, try the Books for Year 5 reading list. that while I like them aesthetically, Ive also read and enjoyed so many of these tales! As I was reflecting on my collection of classic childrens books, and childrens novels from my youth that Ive read to my kids. I thought it would be fun to round up all the classic childrens books by age that I think have stood the test of time. Maybe your favorites made the cut, or maybe your favorites made through links result in a small commission to us at no cost to you. Some books have been gifted. All opinions are our own. Author: Watty Piper Illustrator: Watty Piper Year: 1930 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 4 Of all the classic books for kids on this page, I guarantee you know this one. Who could forget the little blue engine and his determination to get the toys over the mountain, all while saying I think I Can. Its such a wonderful moral lesson for everyone. Why Kirsten loves it My grandmother loved to read me this story. I can still hear her voice saying I think I can. Find this book in: Best Books for 2-year-olds / Classic Books for Y-year-olds / Classic Books for 2-year-olds / Classic Books for Kids Author: Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault Illustrator: Lois Ehlert Year: 1989 Genre: Board Book Age: 1 4 More info: Chicka Chika #1 Rhyming? check. Letters? check. This classic book checks so many boxes with the added bonus that it is fun to read with your kids. Even the name itself is a perfect book to help with reading readiness as well. 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We would bathe, put on lotion, and snuggle up to read a story. I made sure that my voice was quiet and soothing. Even if you have a new baby, incorporating a book into your nightly routine is a wonderful way to end the day. animals make this a perfect going-to-bed book for babies. Find this book in: Bedtime Books / Classic Books for Kids / First Year Reading Tips / Newborn Books / 1-year-old Books This classic childrens literature is beloved by generations of readers and listeners. The quiet poetry of the words and the gentle, lulling illustrations combine to make a perfect book for the end of the day. This is one of the most popular bedtime stories for babies ever written. children to sleep. I dont know anyone who hasnt read this book at least once in their life. Its a classic that will always stand the test of time. Find this books / Benny Brown Bear, Brown Bear is a classic for a reason. It uses Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carles signature style to teach about colors and animals. There are so many activities that can be done with this great book for toddlers. But the colors and pictures are perfect for even the littlest reader. Find this book in: Color Books / Newborn Books / Dest Board Books / 2-year-old Books / better? The simplicity of this book adds to the fun. If you have a child who can only sit for a very limited time, this book is a perfect introduction to colors for train-loving children. I love this Find this book is a perfect introduction to colors for train-loving children. Books Author: Robert McCloskey Illustrator: Robert McCloskey Year: 1941 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 2 6 More info: Caldecott Medal Winner This award-winning story is one of the most beloved classic childrens picture Books. It tells the tale of Mrs. Mallard and her ducklings who,
with the help of the police, can cross the street to get to their new pond home. Why Jackie loves it I remember reading this story when I was younger and I adored sharing it with my own kids. Its such a soothing, lovely tale perfect for bedtime! Find this book in: Best Books for 4-year-olds / Classic Books for 4-year-o book for kids marks the first appearance of one of the most beloved characters in literature. The Cat in the Hat is one of the most well-known classic childrens books because of the cat, Thing 1 and Thing 2, and the funny rhyming phrases within the book. Why Jackie loves it This classic book is so silly, it is fun to read. There are also a lot of beginning words that can be sounded out which makes it a great pick if you are looking for something for somet is picking blueberries with her mother when she wanders away and sees a bear. On the other side of the mountain, Sals mother is being followed by a baby bear who loves blueberries as much as Sal. 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Why Jackie loves it This book is one of my favorites of all time. There is something about the little girls in two straight lines that reminds me of my childhood. The rhythm and rhyme are perfect for any age. Find this books for 2-year-olds Author: Bruce Degen Illustrator: Bruce Degen Illustrator: Bruce Degen Year: 1982 Genre: Board Books for 2-year-olds Author: Bruce Degen Illustrator: Bruce Degen Illustrator: Bruce Degen Illustrator: Bruce Degen Year: 1982 Genre: Board Books for 2-year-olds Author: Bruce Degen Illustrator: Bruce Degen Ill rhymes make the book completely captivating. A boy and a bear head out on an adventure to pick berries in this delightful classic kids book. Marshmallow Cattails? Waffle and butter lily pads? Yes, please! As a bonus, there is counting and alliteration in this picture book. No list of books for kids would be complete without this adorable read. Why Kirsten loves it This was my favorite book to read to her kids and as soon as you look at the pictures and start reading it, you will understand why. I have a video of reading Board Books / Kids Food Books / Best Books for a 1-year-old Author: Maurice Sendak Illustrator: Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 1 100 More info: Caldecott MedalWinner Maurice Sendak Year: 1963 Genre: 1963 Genre: 196 imagines traveling to a world to be the kids of the monsters. Why Jackie loves it I love this book, the illustrations, and the message within the pages. When Max finally decides to come home, his dinner is waiting for him and its still hot. This act of love always touched me. Really this is a book that shows a parents unconditional love for their child. Find this book in: Best Books for 3-year-olds / Classic Books for Kids / Monster Books for Kids / Monster Books for Kids Author: Judy Viorst Illustrator: Ray Cruz Year: 1987 Genre: Picture Book for Kids / Monster Books for Kid because its funny and has unique illustrations to help with social-emotional learning. I know in my house, that we used this picture book to talk about bad days and how its perfectly normal to have them. 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Find this book in: Best Rabbit Books / Best Animal Books for 5-year-olds Author: Roald Dahl Illustrator: Quentin Blake Year: 1988 Genre: Classic Picture Book Age: 6 106 Matilda is a magical little girl who loves books. Stuck in a family that doesnt value education, her life is changed when she meets Ms. Honey at her new school. But the principal, Miss Trunchbull hates children. When she terrorizes the kids at her new school, Matilda finds the power to fight back. The Netflix book adaption of this one is a musical! Why Jackie loves it I could read this story over and over again and its one of my favorite literary characters. and honestly, I love the movie version of this one too. Find this book in: Classic Kids Books / Netflix Book Adaptation / Familya Audiobooks / Back to School Books Author: Roald Dahl Illustrator: Quentin Blake Year: 1964 Genre: Middle Grade Classic Age: 6 9 More info: Charlie is thrilled when he gets a golden ticket to see inside Willy Wonkas amazing chocolate factory, but this is no ordinary candy factory. The machines and recipes behind the walls of the factory are what dreams are made of. Step into the wonderful world of Willy Wonka and youll never be the same again. Trigger Warnings Fatphobia Why Kirsten loves it This story is quite the classic and it revolves around all things candy! With its creeptastic vibes, its also wonderful for Halloween. Ive loved this story for a long time, but I dont love the author. Please be advised that he is a known for incredibly problematic comments about women, Jews, and minority groups. Find this books / Kids Food Books / Kids Food Books / Read Aloud Childrens Books / Kids Food Books /
Read Aloud Childrens Books for Kids / Best Books / Kids Food Books / Kids Fo More info: Harriet the Spy #1 Harriet the Spy has been a classic childrens book for over 50 years. The 11-year-old is never without a notebook in which to write her observations. When the notebook falls into the hands of her friends, they all get very angry with Harriet. realistic fiction book for a 10-year-old has been adapted repeatedly for the screen. Its got life lessons for every child. Find this books for Tweens / Best Books for Year-olds / Realistic Fiction / Classic Books for Year-olds / Realistic Fiction Winner Set in a dystopian world, the main character Jonas is special because he is the Receiver. In his idyllic community, he is the one who holds the secrets and learn about life before his community, he is the way

the world used to be. Trigger Warnings Child death, Death, Suicide Why Kirsten loves it This classic book for kids is one of the most influential novels of our time and one of the best sci-fi books ever written. I vividly remember the ending of this story and how emotional I got while reading it as a preteen in school. The movie is not my favorite adaptation, but its also worth watching. Find this book in: Books Like the Hunger Games / YA Dystopian Novels / Coming-of-Age books for Teens / Best Sci-Fi Books of All Time / Newbery Award Winners Author: C. S. Lewis Year: 1950 Genre: Classic Childrens Fantasy Age: 6 10 More info: Chronicles of Narnia #2 When four children discover a secret passage from a wardrobe into the Land of Narnia, they find a land enslaved by the White Witch. They find friends, enemies, and magic in this book that has withstood the test of time. Just when things are dire, the Great Lion, Aslan, makes his return setting off a series of events that spans several books. Trigger Warnings War Why Jackie loves it The iconic book is actually the second book in the Chronicles of Narnia Series. However, since the first books in the series. Find this book is technically a prequel, I consider this the first book is technically a prequel, I consider this the first and it can be read independently of the rest of the books in the series. Childrens Books About Winter / Christmas Chapter Books for 11-year-olds Author: Frances Hodgson Burnett Year: 1911 Genre: Middle Grade Fiction Age Range: 5+ Mary Lennox, selfish and spoilt, was sent to stay with her hunchback uncle. She finds her way into a secret garden and begins to tend to it, and a change comes over her and her life. Why Jackie loves it I re-read this book with my daughter and we loved it. I have not read this book since I was a child and I think I loved it more this time. This classic book for kids is the perfect feel-good book. Yesterday was Daughters Day and this is the perfect book to read with your little one. Find this book in: Books With Secret in the Title / Kids Books by Age Author: J. M. Barrie Year: 1911 Genre: Fantasy Age: 8+ Peter Pan is the flying leader of Neverland, a mythical world on a star, where he fights pirates, plays with mermaids, and frollicks around with the lost boys. When he decides he needs someone to tell him stories, he recruits Wendy, John, and Michael to come live with him. But while the Darling children love their new life at first, they soon begin missing their family and lives at home. Why Kirsten loves it Peter Pan is one of my favorite childhood stories. The magical world of Neverland with its pirates, mermaids, and faires captured my imagination and never let me go. Ive seen every Peter Pan movie and I devour Peter Pan retellings like chocolate. Why Jackie loves it The story of Peter Pan and his adventures with the Darling children have inspired countless spin-off books, movies, and theatrical productions for a reason. Its a must-read classic childrens book for everyone. Find this book in: Pirate Books / Classic Kids Books / Cozy Books / Tween Fantasy Books / Books for 12-year-olds / Best Middle Grade Fiction Author: J. K Rowling Year: 1998 Genre: Middle-Grade fantasy More info: Harry Potter #1 of 7 Age Range: 8+ (note that some of the later books in the series may not be appropriate until a bit older) I was in university when this book was published and the first four were sitting on my younger brothers bookshelf before I picked it up to see what the fuss was about. I read all four books in as many days and was married with a child before the final book was published. This story introduces us to Harry, Ron Weasley, and Hermione Granger; our fearless trio. We also meet the other favorite beloved and detested characters that make the Harry Potter book series so special. After all, what would Hogwarts be without Hagrid, Dumbledore, Professor McGonagall, Professor Snape, and Draco Malfoy? Trigger Warnings Parental death Why Jackie loves it I firmly believe that JK Rowling changed childrens literature more profoundly than any other author. I realize that this is a very strong statement. But, until her, there have never been books that have had such an impact on the world of reading. The books are so brilliantly laid out with easter eggs in book one that are essential for the entire plot. I believe this is one of the best childrens fantasy series ever written. It features strong lessons on morality, inventive plotlines, and hidden threads woven throughout the entire series. Jim Dales audiobook narration of this book is award-winning. He voices over 200 characters, each with distinct accents and my kids have listened to the entire series multiple times. Find this book in: Halloween Chapter Books / Audiobooks for Kids / Harry Potter Books in Order / Books like Percy Jackson / Fantasy Books for Tweens / Magic School Books / Jackies Favorite Bo reading this story. She is smart, precocious, and has a way of making everyone love her while simultaneously finding new ways to get into trouble. Anne is an orphan sent to live with siblings Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert who wanted a male orphan to help them on the farm. Anne was sent to them instead. She is bright, loquacious, and wins their hearts. Why Kirsten loves it I cherish this entire book series and the TV miniseries inspired by it. I vividly remember watching Megan Follows as Anne completely transfixed. I was so enamored, that I remember asking my grandmother to get me the books to read! Why Jackie loves it This is one of my all-time favorite books. 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