

Reading List

Year 5

Alice in Wonderland & Alice Through the Looking Glass (C.S. Lewis)

Two lovely adventure stories about a magical Wonderland. Some have beautiful illustrations. By Sir John Tenniel.

Black Beauty (Anna Sewell)

A classic narrated by the horse itself of his life from his carefree days as a colt on an English farm, to pulling cabs in London, to his happy retirement in the country. Sad but a great tale.

Journey to the River Sea (Eva Ibbotson)

Beautifully written. A girl goes to live with spoilt cousins in the Amazon.

Tom's Midnight Garden (Philippa Pearce)

Tom is staying with elderly relatives due to illness. He is very bored. One night he hears the grandfather clock strike 13. He sets off to investigate and meets the ghost Hatty.

Goodnight Mr Tom (Michelle Magorian)

During World War 2, a young boy is evacuated to the country into the care of Mister Tom, an elderly rescue. He experiences a new life of loving and care, in contrast to the abuse he receives at home in London.

The Secret Garden (Frances Hodgson Burnett)

Spoiled child raised in India is sent to live in her uncle's manor in Yorkshire after her parents die, and learns to think less about herself and more about other people and living things around you.

Little Women (Louisa May Alcott)

Adventures of 4 sisters growing up and finding their place in the world while their father is fighting at war. Set in America. Funny and sad.

The Railway Children (Edith Nesbit)

Children move to a house near the railway after their father is imprisoned, where they watch the trains and befriend those who frequently visit the station.

Oliver Twist (Charles Dickens)

An orphan boy born in a workhouse and sold into apprenticeship escapes and travels to London, where he meets a gang of young pickpockets.

The Hobbit (JR Tolkein)

A hobbit enjoys his peaceful life until it is interrupted by a surprise visit by a wizard named Gandalf who takes him on a magic quest.

The Lost World (Sir Arthur Conan Doyle)

After the disaster at Jurassic Park, theorist goes on a search for a “lost world” of dinosaurs following rumours of washed up corpses.

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (Judith Kerr)

Semi-autobiographical from the author of Mog. Tells of her escape from Nazi Germany through Switzerland, France and finally London.

Chronicles of Ancient Darkness Series (Michelle Paver)

Six stories set in the Stone Age about a young boy who can speak to wolves as he was abandoned by his father and left in a wolf den at birth