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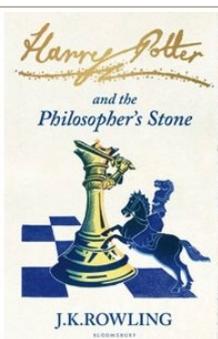
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-Year 5 (age 9-10)

A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 5 (9 - 10 year olds) of average reading ability.

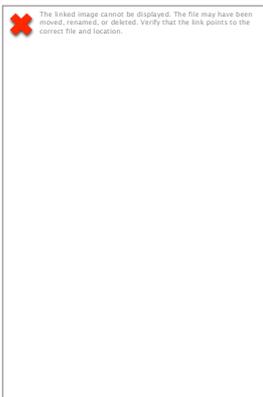
If your child is a competent reader or has read all these titles, then try the books from the Year 6 list. Alternatively if these books are a little challenging, try books from the Year 4 list.



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

J.K. Rowling

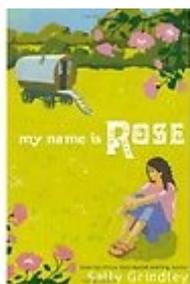
Say you've spent the first 10 years of your life sleeping under the stairs of a family who loathes you. Then, in an absurd, magical twist of fate you find yourself surrounded by wizards, a caged snowy owl, a phoenix-feather wand and jellybeans that come in every flavour, including strawberry, curry, grass and sardine. Not only that, but you discover that you are a wizard yourself! This is exactly what happens to Harry Potter in J K Rowling's enchanting, funny debut novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*.



Cosmic

Frank Cottrell Boyce

Liam is too big for his boots. And his football strip. And his school blazer. But being super-sized height-wise has its advantages: he's the only eleven-year-old ever to ride the G-force defying Cosmic rollercoaster or be offered the chance to drive a Porsche. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Is Liam the best boy for the job? Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.



My name is Rose

Sally Grindley

Rose is a young Romani gypsy girl who travels around Romania and Europe in a caravan with her family. Playing music - on their own or with extended family and friends - her life is happy, until Rose suddenly finds herself an orphan after a dreadful car accident. This is the beginning of many changes for Rose as she is forced to adapt to another country and a new family, and she

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realises that she's not sure of her identity. A powerful novel of loss and growing up by an author who is well known for her extraordinary portrayals of children overcoming adversity in different parts of the world.

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Journey to the River Sea **Eva Ibbotson**

It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at 13, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey. Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in this highly colourful, joyous and award-winning adventure.

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Krindlekrax **Philip Ridley**

Ruskin Splinter is small and thin, with knock-knees, thick glasses and a squeaky voice, and the idea of him taming a dragon makes the whole class laugh. Big, strong Elvis is stupid but he looks like a hero. So who is more likely to get the big part in the school play? But when the mysterious beast, Krindlekrax, threatens Lizard Street and everyone who lives there, it is Ruskin who saves the day and proves he is the stuff that heroes are made of after all.

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Matilda **Roald Dahl**

Matilda is a brilliant and sensitive child, but her parents think of her only as a nuisance. Even before she is five years old, she has read Dickens and Hemingway and still her parents think of her as a pest. So she decides to get back at them. Her platinum-haired mother and car salesman father are no match for her sharp genius, and neither is the cruel headmistress Miss Trunchbull. And then the child prodigy discovers she has an extraordinary psychic power that can save her school and especially the lovely kindergarten teacher, Miss Honey.
Other titles by Roald Dahl: *James and the Giant Peach, The BFG, George's Marvellous Medicine, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Danny the Champion of the World and Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator.*

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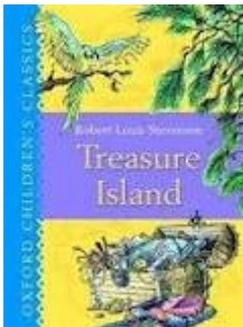
Redwall **Brian Jacques**

Redwall Abbey, tranquil home to a community of peace-loving mice is threatened by Cluny the Scourge - the evil one-eyed rat warlord - and his battle-hardened horde of predators. Cluny is certain that Redwall will fall easily to his fearsome army, but he hasn't bargained for the courage and strength of the combined forces of the Redwall mice and their loyal woodland friends...



The Little Prince **Antoine De Saint-Exupery**

This classic tells the story of a little prince who falls to earth from a star, and of the airman, stranded in the desert by the crash of his plane, who seeks to understand the prince's secret. The premise is simple and the story simply told, and yet Saint-Exupery creates a tale that is full of poignancy and hope.



Treasure Island **Robert Louis Stevenson**

Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum! When Jim Hawkins discovers a map in the old sea chest he little guesses the danger and excitement which lie ahead. Joining the crew of the Hispaniola, Jim sets sail for Treasure Island in search of Captain Flint's treasure. but with a slippery crew, and the infamous Long John Silver as ship's cook, mutiny is in the air and Jim must draw on all his resources to survive...published in 1883, Treasure Island is a swashbuckling tale, and a true children's classic.

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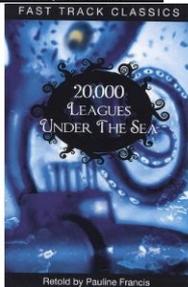
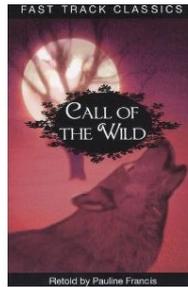
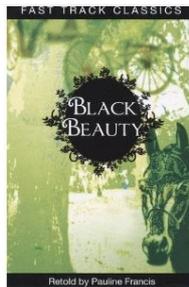
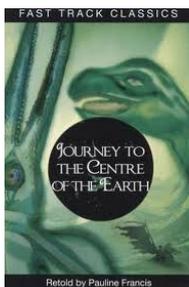
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The Bursting Balloons Mystery **Alexander McCall Smith**

Max and Maddy are on the trail of a criminal who'll stop at nothing to sabotage Mr Helium's trans-American hot-air balloon race. The prize is a gold balloon worth one million and one dollars, and all the money raised by the race is to go towards the Home for Children Whose Parents Have Disappeared in Balloons - so there's a lot at stake! They take to the skies on board Mr Helium's very own balloon in order to catch the cheat. But will the detectives become victim to the dastardly villain's dangerous schemes and dirty tricks, or will they blow his plot sky-high?

Fast Track Classics

Good confidence-builders for reluctant readers, this series provides a quick way into a range of classics.



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Toby Alone **Timothee de Fombelle**

Toby Lolness is just one and a half millimetres tall, and he's the most wanted person in his world, the Great Oak Tree. When Toby's father makes a ground-breaking discovery, tapping into the very heart of the Tree's energy, he also realises that exploiting it could do permanent damage to their world. Refusing to reveal the secret of his invention to an enraged community, the family is exiled. But one man is determined to get hold of the forbidden knowledge...and his plan is to destroy the Tree. Now Toby's parents have been imprisoned and sentenced to death. Only Toby has managed to escape, but for how long?

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