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-Year 6 (age 10-11)

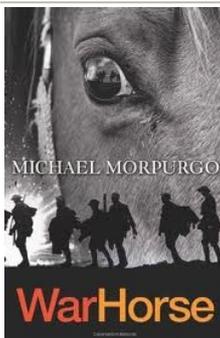
A selection of books especially selected for children in Year 6 (10 - 11 year olds) of average reading ability.

If your child is a competent reader or has read all these titles, then try the books from the Year 7 list. Alternatively if these books are a little challenging, try books from the Year 5 list.



Carrie's War **Nina Bawden, Julia Eccleshare**

Albert, Carrie and young Nick are war-time evacuees whose lives get so tangled up with the people they've come to live among that the war and their real families seem to belong to another world. Carrie and Nick are billeted in Wales with old Mr Evans, who is so mean and cold, and his timid mouse of a sister, Lou, who suddenly starts having secrets. Their friend Albert is luckier, living in Druid's Bottom with warm-hearted Hepzibah Green and the strange Mister Johnny, who can talk to animals but not to human beings. Carrie and Nick visit him there whenever they can for Hepzibah makes life exciting and enticing with her stories and delicious cooking. Gradually they begin to feel more at ease in their war-time home, but then, in trying to heal the rift between Mr Evans and his estranged sister, and save Druid's Bottom, Carrie does a terrible thing which is to haunt her for years to come. Carrie revisits Wales as an adult and tells the story to her own children.



War Horse **Michael Morpurgo**

From master storyteller Michael Morpurgo comes an incredibly moving story about one horse's experience in the deadly chaos of the First World War. In 1914 Joey, a young farm horse, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges towards the enemy, witnessing the horror of the frontline. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him.

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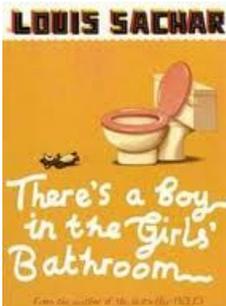
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Goodnight Mister Tom **Michelle Magorian**

Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of WW2. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mother back in London... This title was winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award.

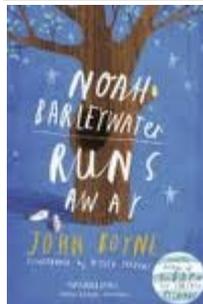


There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom **Louis Sachar**

A very comical book: it's a funny way of telling the story of a boy and how he overcomes his problems with friends and school.

Also by the same author: Holes & Small Steps

Noah is running the un-trodden what he thinks. toyshop and he's not sure story to tell, a promises. And Noah travels with him on a journey that will change his life for ever.



Noah Barleywater Runs Away **John Boyne**

away from his problems the day he takes path through the forest - or at least that's When he comes across a very unusual meets the even more unusual toymaker, what to expect. But the toymaker has a story full of adventure, wonder and broken

A thought-provoking fable from the author of the bestselling *Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

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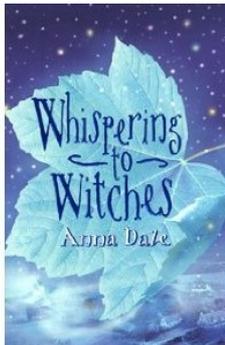
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Private Peaceful Michael Morpurgo

Heroism or cowardice? A stunning story of the First World War from a master storyteller. Told in the voice of a young soldier, the story follows 24 hours in his life at the front during WW1, and captures his memories as he looks back over his life. Full of stunningly researched detail and engrossing atmosphere, the book leads to a dramatic and moving conclusion. Both a love story and a deeply moving account of the horrors of the First World War, this book will reach everyone from 9 to 90.



Whispering to Witches Anna Dale

A short holiday with his mother turns out very differently for Joe than he could have imagined when he left home. A wonderful tale of friendship and magic.

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The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents Terry Pratchett

Maurice, a streetwise tomcat, has come up with the perfect scam. Inspired by the Pied Piper tale, cat and kid lead a band of rats from town to town to fake invasions of vermin. The rewards to get the rats out of town are plentiful. It works perfectly - until their little con game is sussed.

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The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4 Sue Townsend

At thirteen years old, Adrian Mole has more than his fair share of problems - spots, ill-health, parents threatening to divorce, rejection of his poetry and much more - all recorded with brilliant humour in his diary.

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The Tulip Touch Anne Fine

Nobody wants Tulip in their gang. She skives off school, cheeks the teachers and makes herself unpopular with her classmates by telling awful lies. None of this matters to Natalie who finds Tulip exciting. At first she doesn't care that other people are upset and unnerved by Tulip's bizarre games, but as the games become increasingly sinister and dangerous, Natalie realises that Tulip is going too far, much too far, racing, in fact, to the novel's shocking ending.

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Troy Adele Geras

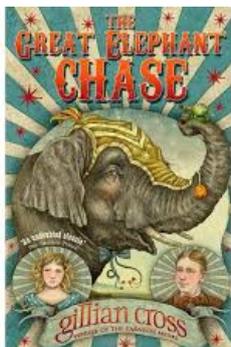
Who can resist a goddess? The most famous war in history is brought to life through the eyes of two sisters. Marpessa is gifted with God-sight, Xanthe has the healing touch. But then Aphrodite, Goddess of Love, decides to play with their hearts...and contrives for them to fall in love with the same young warrior.



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The Great Elephant Chase **Gillian Cross**

A wonderful and engaging adventure involving a girl, her elephant, a boy and the man who wants to take the elephant from them. Crossing 2000 miles of 19th century America, this is a grand chase well described.

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