

100 Best Books: 6-8 years

The Enchanted Wood

by **Enid Blyton**

Egmont

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move into a new home, they discover a mysterious wood on their very doorstep.

Five on a Treasure Island

by **Enid Blyton**

Hodder

Meet Enid Blyton's most famous characters - Julian, Dick, Anne, George and of course the ever-loyal Timmy the dog

A Bear Called Paddington

by **Michael Bond**

HarperCollins Children's Books

Paddington, the brown bear from darkest Peru, is found by the Brown family on Paddington Station with his hat, duffel coat and marmalade sandwiches.

The Milly-Molly-Mandy Storybook

by **Joyce Lankester Brisley**

Macmillan

Milly-Molly-Mandy lives with her mother, father, uncle, aunt, grandmother and grandfather in a 'nice white cottage with a thatched roof'.

Flat Stanley

by **Jeff Brown**

Egmont

Stanley Lambchop wakes up one morning to find he is only half an inch thick

Clarice Bean, That's Me

by **Lauren Child**

Orchard Books

Clarice Bean gives us a snapshot of her life and family in the book that launched a bestselling series.

That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown

by **Cressida Cowell**

Orchard Books

Emily and her toy rabbit, Stanley, love to go on adventures together.

The BFG

by **Roald Dahl**

Puffin

The BFG stands for Big Friendly Giant, who unexpectedly spirits a little girl named Sophie out of bed, and into the land of the child-eating giants.

The Story of Babar

by Jean De Brunhoff

Egmont

'In the great forest, a little elephant was born. His name was Babar...'

My Naughty Little Sister

by Dorothy Edwards

Egmont

This affectionate portrait of family life is the story of a naughty three-year-old sister who is obstinate, inquisitive and full of mischief.

Asterix the Gaul

by René Goscinny

Orion

In a tiny corner of Brittany, one small village of indomitable Gauls hold out against the almighty, all-conquering Romans.

Amazing Grace

by Mary Hoffman & Caroline Binch

Frances Lincoln

This classic story clearly communicates an inspiring message that anything is possible

Finn Family Moomintroll

by Tove Jansson

Puffin Books

Moomintroll is cheerful and chubby and lives in the magical Moominvalley with his mother, Moominmamma, his father, Moominpappa and all of their friends.

The Queen's Nose

by Dick King-Smith

Puffin

Harmony's Uncle Ginger sends her on a treasure trail - which ends in finding a 50p piece.

The Sheep-Pig

by Dick King-Smith

Puffin

When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the fair, he is amazed that Fly, his sheep-dog, welcomes him as one of her own pups.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid

by Jeff Kinney

Puffin

Greg Heffley is a normal American kid, albeit one with a habit of getting into (and out of) trouble.

Pippi Longstocking

by **Astrid Lindgren**

Oxford University Press

Follow Pippi Longstocking on her amazing adventures as she moves into Villa Villekulla with a horse, a monkey, and a big suitcase of gold coins.

Winnie-the-Pooh

by **A A Milne**

Egmont Books

No child's library could be complete without A A Milne's stories about Pooh, Christopher Robin and their friends in the Hundred Acre Wood.

The Worst Witch

by **Jill Murphy**

Puffin

Long before Harry Potter first went to Hogwarts, trainee witch Mildred Hubble embarked on life at Miss Cackle's Academy for Witches...

Horrid Henry

by **Francesca Simon & Tony Ross**

Orion Children's Books

Stories about naughty characters have been told for centuries, and Horrid Henry is a modern-day rogue in the tradition of Dennis the Menace and Just William.

The Arrival

by **Shaun Tan**

Hodder Children's Books

In this unusual book, we follow a young man as he packs his bags and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another country

Charlotte's Web

by **E B White**

Puffin

This is the tale of how a little girl named Fern - with the help of a friendly talking spider called Charlotte - saved her pig, Wilbur, from the usual fate of nice fat little pigs.

Little House in the Big Woods

by **Laura Ingalls Wilder**

Egmont

Inside the little house live the Ingalls family: Ma, Pa, Mary, Laura and baby Carrie.

[Read about 'Little House in the Big Woods'](#)

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Mister Magnolia

by **Quentin Blake**

Red Fox

Mr Magnolia has many things - but only one boot.

100 Best Books: 9-11 year olds

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase

by Joan Aiken

There are wolves outside the walls of Willoughby Chase, but for cousins Bonnie and Sylvia, the real danger lies inside.

Skellig

by David Almond

Hodder Children's Books

Exploring a ramshackle garage with his new-found friend, Mina, Michael discovers a strange, magical creature.

Carrie's War

by Nina Bawden

Puffin

During World War II, Carrie and her younger brother Nick are evacuated to Wales and billeted with the fierce old Mr Evans and his mousy sister, Louise.

Artemis Fowl

by Eoin Colfer

Puffin

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl hatches an ingenious plot to steal all the gold in fairy land.

Millions

by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Macmillan Childrens books

One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God.

The Witches

by Roald Dahl

Puffin

Real witches disguise themselves as lovely ladies, when secretly they want to squish and squelch all the wretched children they despise.

Matilda

by Roald Dahl and Quentin Blake

Puffin

This modern fairy-tale with a brilliantly inspiring young heroine is one of Roald Dahl's best loved stories.

Flour Babies

by Anne Fine

Puffin

As part of a Child Development project, each boy in Class 4C is given a 'flour baby', a sack of flour which must be looked after for three weeks, ensuring it does not get lost or dirty.

Once

by Morris Gleitzman

Puffin

Morris Gleitzman brings heart and humour to the difficult subject of the Holocaust in this groundbreaking children's book.

The Adventures of Tintin

by Hergé

Egmont

Resourceful junior reporter Tintin embarks on a series of exciting international adventures, accompanied by his faithful dog Snowy, in this favourite series.

Journey to the River Sea

by Eva Ibbotson

Macmillan Children's Books

Orphan Maia is thrilled to learn she is to live with relatives in South America and cannot wait to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Amazon.

Stig of the Dump

by Clive King

Puffin

Exploring an old chalk pit, Barney meets a strange boy who wears a rabbit skin and speaks in grunts.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

by C S Lewis

HarperCollins Children's

When Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy - step through a wardrobe door in the strange country house where they are staying, they find themselves in the land of Narnia.

Goodnight Mister Tom

by Michelle Magorian

Puffin

Willie Beech, a lonely and deprived child, is evacuated to a tiny English village just before the Second World War, and finds himself living with reclusive widower Thomas Oakley.

Private Peaceful

by Michael Morpurgo

HarperCollins Children's Books

Set during World War I, *Private Peaceful* charts eight hours in the life of Tommo, a young soldier at the Front.

A Monster Calls

by Patrick Ness

Walker Books Ltd

Connor's mum has cancer and life is changing. There is the nightmare, then there is school, where people avoid him, or persecute him. And then there is the immense, mythic Monster.

The Borrowers

by Mary Norton

Puffin

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under the kitchen clock.

Truckers

by Terry Pratchett

Corgi Children's

The first title in the *Bromeliad* trilogy, this is an enchanting fantasy from favourite author Terry Pratchett.

Swallows and Amazons

by Arthur Ransome

Red Fox

It's the summer holidays, and the Walker children are excited to set sail on their boat Swallow and camp on Wild Cat Island.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone

by J K Rowling

Bloomsbury Children's Books

After the misery of life with his ghastly aunt and uncle, Harry Potter is delighted to have the chance to embark on an exciting new life at the Hogwart's School of Wizardry and Witchcraft.

Holes

by Louis Sachar

Bloomsbury

Stanley Yelnats' family has a history of bad luck, so he is not entirely surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to the Camp Green Lake Juvenile Detention Centre

The Little Prince

by Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Egmont

An air pilot makes a forced landing deep in the Sahara Desert. There, he makes a mysterious Little Prince, who tells him a series of wise and enchanting stories.

The Hobbit

by J R R Tolkien

HarperCollins Children's

This well-loved fantasy story has delighted readers ever since its first publication in 1937.

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