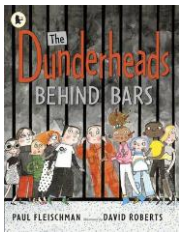
Recommended Reads for Year 6

Y = Picture Book/ P = Picture Book for Older Readers
CF = Children's Fiction
T = Younger Teen Reads/T+ = Older Teen Reads

Picture Books



Fleischman, Paul Dunderheads Behind Bars **P KS2**

The Dunderheads get to be extras on the set of a new film, but have to solve a mystery when Spider is wrongly accused of a jewellery theft.

Howitt, Mary Spider and the Fly **P KS2**

The traditional cautionary tale of a spider trapping a wary fly by using flattery.

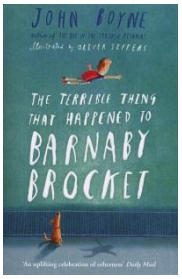
Joyce, William Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore **P KS2**

Everything in Morris Lessmore's life, including his own story, is scattered to the winds. But the power of the story will save the day.

Children's Fiction

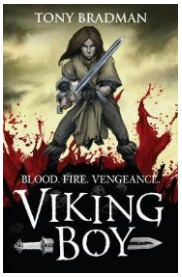
Bachmann, Stefan Peculiar **CF UKS2**

A halfling boy finds himself caught in a web of intrigue and danger involving the human and faery worlds.



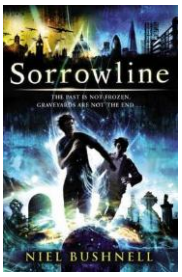
Boyne, John The terrible thing that happened to Barnaby Brocket **CF UKS2**

A boy goes on an adventure when he is rejected by his family because he defies the laws of gravity!



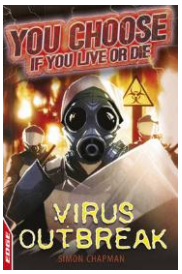
Bradman, Tony Viking Boy **CF UKS2**

A young Viking boy plans to take his revenge on the Wolf Men that raided his home village



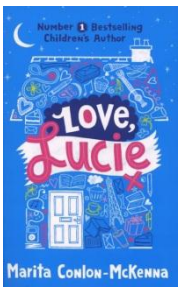
Bushnell, Niel Sorrowline **CF UKS2**

12-year-old Jack discovers that he can travel in time through a power generated by grave stones.



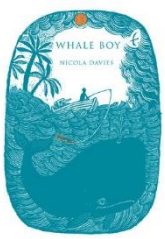
Chapman, Simon Virus Outbreak **CF UKS2**

A choose-your-own-adventure tale set in a future where a deadly virus is sweeping across the country and humanity is threatened with extinction. A Hi-Lo title.



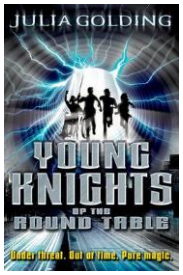
Conlon-McKenna, Marita Love, Lucie **CF UKS2**

A girl writes letters to her mother who has just died from cancer as she comes to terms with her loss and the changes it brings to her family and school life.



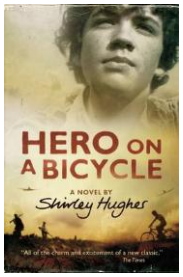
Davies, Nicola Whale Boy **CF UKS2**

Touching animal tale with a strong environmental message.



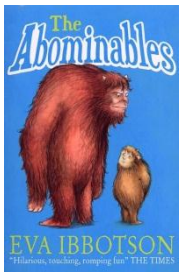
Golding, Julia **Young Knights of the Round Table** **CF UKS2**

Children who were stolen by the Fey and trained to be warriors are sent to do battle in the human world when they are told that knights are going to attack the magical realm of Avalon.



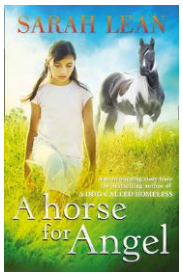
Hughes, Shirley **Hero on a Bicycle** **CF UKS2**

When Paolo is approached by the Italian Partisans to help two prisoners of war escape the Germans he gets a chance to use his bicycle and local knowledge to help out.



Ibbotson, Eva **Abominables** **CF UKS2**

Two young children transport a family of Yetis to England when their guardian can no longer care for them.

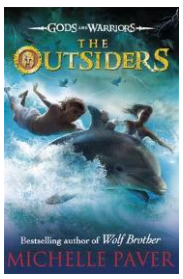


Lean, Sarah **A Horse for Angel** **CF UKS2**

Nell is sent to stay with her aunt and young cousins on their farm. She meets a mysterious character called Angel who appears to have a special gift with animals.

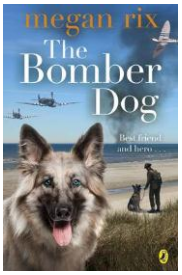
Lisle, Rebecca **The Spin** **CF UKS2**

Imaginative, enthralling tale with a plucky hero and skilfully created Dickensian – style world full of shady characters and intriguing plot twists.



Paver, Michelle **The Outsiders** **CF UKS2**

A boy and girl battle to survive being hunted by mysterious warriors during the Greek Bronze Age. The first of a new series.

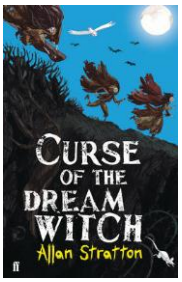


Rix, Megan The Bomber Dog **CF UKS2**

A dog is trained to accompany a paratrooper in World War II but becomes separated from his soldier during a parachute jump behind enemy lines.

Satriani, Zack The Assassin **CF UKS2**

Three teenagers from different planets must put aside their differences to save their worlds from insectoid aliens. Pacy all-action sci-fi with plenty of heroic deeds and gadget-filled battles.



Stratton, Allan Curse of the Dream Witch **CF UKS2**

Princess Olivia must defeat the Dream Witch who will not rest until she has the princess's heart! She also has to rescue her parents from an evil prince and duke, who have stolen their castle. Charming fairy tale with dastardly baddies and plenty of humour, action and adventure.

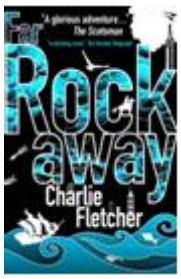
Zucker, Jonny Terror Beast **CF UKS2**

Young martial artist Chime, travels to meet with a legendary trainer who sets him a big challenge. Good Hi-Lo material in graphic style.

Younger Teen Reads

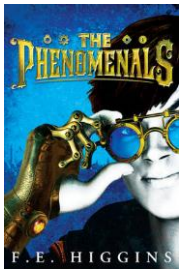
Crossan, Sarah Weight of Water **T**

A young Polish girl arrives in Britain with her mother to look for her father. Her mother is heart-broken and she is lonely; both have to deal with relationships, bullying and the problems of being new immigrants. Written in poetry.



Fletcher, Charlie Far Rockaway **T**

Cat is knocked down one day and when she wakes finds herself in a dream world, peopled by characters she and her Grandfather had read about. Swashbuckling adventure with swordfights and pirates.

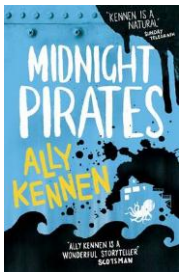


Higgins, FE Tangle of Traitors **T**

Four unlikely heroes defend the realm from the ghosts of traitors and murderers who have drowned in the tar pits, and only they can save the town from a hideous fate. An adventure of theft, murder and betrayal.

Jones, Gareth P Constable and Toop **T**

Sam Toop lives in a funeral parlour. While his dad buries the dead, Sam is haunted by their constant demands for attention. Trouble is afoot on the 'otherside' - there is a horrible disease that is mysteriously imprisoning ghosts into empty houses in the world of the living. And Sam is caught in the middle. A little gruesome!

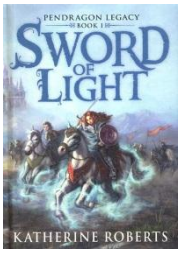


Kennen, Ally Midnight Pirates **T**

Three children, whose parents have gone away to a family wedding, try to run the family's secluded Cornwall beach hotel on their own. The manager is ten years old, the guests are loopy and a ghost roams the roof. But their chaotic adventure turns sinister with the arrival of some dangerous visitors.

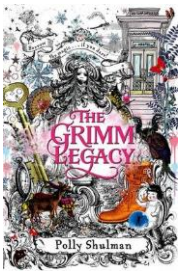
Mayo, Simon Itch **T**

A science-mad boy finds his life in danger when he discovers a brand new element that many scientists are eager to get their hands on. Those who want the rock will stop at nothing to get it. Itch has to draw on everything he knows - plus all the courage he can muster - to keep himself alive.



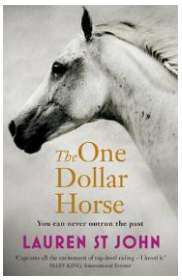
Roberts, Katherine Sword of Light **T**

King Arthur is dead, killed by his wicked nephew Mordred who is next in line to the throne. But there is one with a better claim: Rhianna, Arthur's secret child, kept safe by Merlin on enchanted Avalon. She must search for the four magical Lights with the power to restore Arthur's soul to his body.



Shulman, Polly Grimm Legacy **T**

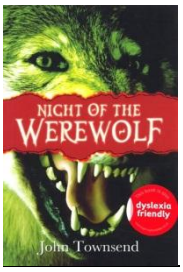
The museum where Elizabeth works in Manhattan houses the Grimm Collection of powerful and mysterious items that must be kept safe and can't be lent out to just anyone. So when these objects start disappearing Elizabeth must investigate. But who can she trust?



St John, Lauren One Dollar Horse **T**

Casey's dreams of competing at Badminton one day come a step nearer when she saves a horse from the knacker's yard. As she nurses it back to health, she discovers it's really a sleek and highly-strung thoroughbred underneath. But of course nothing is as straightforward as it seems…

Hi-Lo



Townsend, John – Night of the Werewolf **133.4**

France, the 1760s. The villagers cower in fear of a terrifying beast that stalks their livestock and attacks their children. Rumours are rife. Is the beast a wolf or is it something far more horrific - a werewolf? And can anyone kill it and stop the attacks? Very readable faction, should appeal well to horror fans.