

SUGGESTED READING LIST:

Keen but less able

Suggestions for this group include some quick, accessible reads, which deal with interesting issues for children to think and talk about. They are mainly plot driven so the stories move along at a good pace. Some series are included here as familiarity can help to build children's confidence. The list also includes some illustrated fiction, which may be more appealing for children who have not yet developed the stamina to read pages of unbroken text. Poetry may also be a good choice for some children as it offers bite-sized chunks that children can dip into, at the same time covering a wide range of subject and tone to suit different tastes. There are also plenty of picture books appropriate to this age group which will help children to develop deeper levels of understanding beyond the literal.

7-9 year olds

1. Isaac Asimov, *Robot Dreams* science fiction series (Berkley US)
2. Guy Bass, *Gormy Ruckles: Monster Boy* series (Scholastic)
3. Jeff Brown, *Flat Stanley* (Egmont)
4. Steven Butler, *The Wrong Pong* (Puffin)
5. Lauren Child, *Clarice Bean* stories and picture books (Orchard Books)
6. Babette Cole, *Prince Cinders* (Puffin)
7. Sally Gardner, *The Princess and the Pea* and other stories from the Early Readers (Orion)
8. Joanna Nadin, *Penny Dreadful is a Magnet for Disaster* (Usborne)
9. Francesca Simon, *Horrid Henry* series (Orion)
10. Rex Stone, *Dinosaur Cove* series (Oxford University Press) www.dinosaurcove.co.uk

9-11 year olds

1. Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore, *Stone Me!* (Barn Owl Books)
2. Anthony Browne, *Zoo picture book* (Red Fox, Random House)
3. Cressida Cowell, *How to Train Your Dragon* (Hachette)
4. Roald Dahl, *Matilda*, *The Twits* and others (Puffin)
5. Morris Gleitzman, *Two Weeks with the Queen* (Puffin)
6. Alex Milway, *Operation Robot Storm* (Walker Books)
7. Chris Riddell, *Ottoline and the Yellow Cat* (Macmillan)
8. Michael Rosen, *Even My Ears Are Smiling* poetry anthology (Bloomsbury)
9. Marcus Sedgwick, *Flood and Fang* and other books in the *Raven Mysteries* series (Orion)
10. Ali Sparkes, *Frozen in Time* (Oxford University Press)