


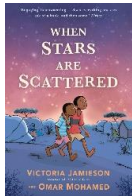


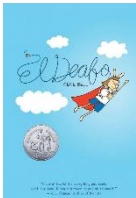
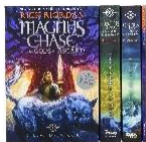
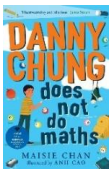
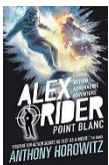

50 Recommended Reading Books for Year 5

We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your imagination. This list contains colour-bands and a description of the book so that you are able to choose your favourites according to your book-band level and your personal interests. The 'Lexile rating' included measures the difficulty level of the text; a higher Lexile rating indicates a more difficult text.


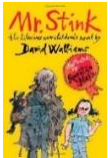


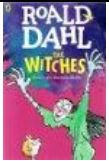


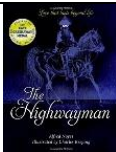

Certificates will be awarded as you read books from this list; you will need to record a brief response to a reading task in your reading record (such as a description of a character). A bronze certificate will be awarded once you have read 5 books from the list, a silver award will be awarded after 10, a gold award will be awarded once you have read 15 and a platinum award will be awarded once you have read 25.

Title	Image	Author	ISBN	Overview	Lexile rating	Book Band	Date Read
The Cursed Child		JK Rowling, John Tiffany and Jack Thorne	9781781107041	The official play-script of the original West End production of <i>Harry Potter and the Cursed Child</i> . As past and present fuse ominously, both father (Harry) and son (Albus) learn the uncomfortable truth: sometimes, darkness comes from unexpected places.	500L	Gold	
The Magic Faraway Tree		Enid Blyton	9781405272209	Joe, Beth and Frannie's cousin Dick comes to stay, reluctant at first to share in their adventures at the top of the Faraway Tree. Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Spells, the Land of Treats, or the Land of Do-As-You-Please? Come on an amazing adventure!	640L	Silver	
The Wolf Wilder		Katherine Rundell	9781481419420	When the murderous hostility of the Russian Army threatens her, Feo is left with no option but to go on the run. What follows is a story of revolution and adventure, about standing up for the things you love and fighting back. And, of course, wolves.	640L	Silver	
When Stars are Scattered		Victoria Jamieson	9780571363858	Omar and his brother Hassan, two Somali boys, have spent a long time in the Dadaab refugee camp. Separated from their mother, they are looked after by a friendly stranger. Life in the camp isn't always easy. The hunger is constant . . . but there's football to look forward to, and now there's a chance Omar will get to go to school . . .	640L	Silver	

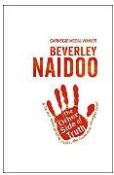

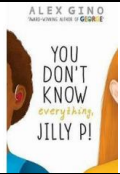
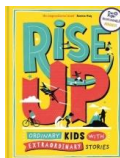
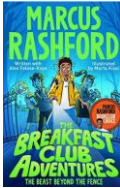
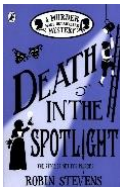
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El Deafo		Cece Bell	978141 971217 3	El Deafo is a funny, deeply honest graphic novel memoir which chronicles the author's hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with a powerful and very awkward hearing aid called the Phonic Ear. It gives her the ability to hear—sometimes things she shouldn't—but also isolates her from her classmates. She really just wants to fit in and find a true friend, someone who appreciates her, Phonic Ear and all. Finally, she is able to harness the power of the Phonic Ear and become “El Deafo, Listener for All.” And more importantly, declare a place for herself in the world and find the friend she's longed for.	640 L	Silver	
Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard (3 book set)		Rick Riordan	978148 478062 6	Magnus Chase, a once-homeless teen, is on a death-defying quest across the Norse realms, literally. As a resident of the Hotel Valhalla, this son of the god Frey is now one of Odin's chosen warriors.	630-710L	Silver	
Danny Chung does not do maths		Maisie Chan	9781800 780019	Nai Nai can't speak a word of English, which doesn't make things easy for Danny when he is charged with looking after her during his school holidays. Babysitting Nai Nai is NOT what he wants to be doing! Before long though it becomes clear to Danny that there is more to Nai Nai than meets the eye, and that they have more in common than he thought possible.	650L	Silver	
Alex Rider – Point Blanc		Anthony Horowitz	978043 942084 6	In the second book, teenage spy Alex is sent by MI6 to infiltrate the exclusive Point Blanc Academy. But the academy hides a deadly secret. Can Alex alert the world to the truth before it's too late?	670L	Silver	
Anne of Green Gables		L M Montgomery	978019 273747 2	Eleven-year-old orphan Anne Shirley has just arrived at Green Gables, and already her guardians want to send her back. First, she's not the boy the Cuthberts expected. Second, she talks too much. And even with her generous spirit, the redhead's a trouble magnet.	710L	Silver	

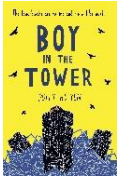
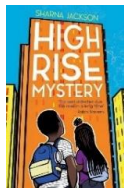
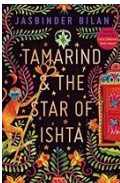

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Dragon Rider		Cornelia Funke	9781911077855	Firedrake, a brave young dragon, embarks on a magical journey to find the legendary place where silver dragons can live in peace forever.	710L	Silver	
Mr Stink		David Walliams	9781595143327	"Mr. Stink, stank. He also stunk. And if it was correct English to say he stinked, then he stinked as well. . . ." But there's more to Mr. Stink than meets the eye (or nose) an extraordinary secret!	730L	Emerald	
The Secret of Nightingale Wood		Lucy Strange	9781338157475	All alone, with only stories for company, Henrietta discovers that Hope House is full of strange secrets. One night she ventures into the darkness of Nightingale Wood. What she finds there will change her whole world ...	730L	Emerald	
Illustrated Grimms Fairy Tales		Ruth Brocklehurst and Gillian Doherty	9780794524098	This beautifully illustrated volume contains fifteen of the captivating tales collected by the brothers Grimm including: Hansel and Gretel, Sleeping Beauty, Rumpelstiltskin, Tom Thumb and The Frog Prince.	740L	Emerald	
The Witches		Roald Dahl	9780142410110	Meet a hero, a wise old grandmother and the most gruesome and grotesque gang of witches imaginable!	740L	Emerald	
Four Children and It		Jacqueline Wilson	9780141341446	It is inspired by E Nesbit's classic, Five Children and It. 'It' is plump, golden brown, a bit moody and has two stalks coming out of his head with eyes on top. And he can grant wishes...	740L	Emerald	
Little Bits of Sky		Sue Durrant	9780857633996	Siblings Miracle and Zac have moved between foster homes ever since they can remember. When they are moved to a group home called Skilly House, they think everything is about to break, but it may just be the beginning of their new lives.	750L	Emerald	
The Highwayman		Alfred Noyes	978-0192794420	A thrilling poem, charged with drama and tension, we ride with the highwayman and recoil from the terrible fate that befalls him.	760L	Ruby	
Friend or Foe		Michael Morpurgo	9781405233378	Evacuated from London, David and Tucky feel like the war is a long way away from their new life in the countryside. Then one night the skyline of the moor is lit up	770L	Ruby	


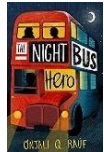



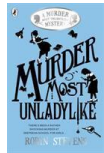


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The Other Side of Truth		Beverley Naidoo	9780141304762	This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria.	780L	Ruby	
A Midsummer Night's Dream		William Shakespeare	9781841213323	The course of true love never did run smooth... A magical retelling of Hermia, Helen, Demetrius and Lysander's classic story - and of the impish fairy Puck, who meddles in their tangled web of love with hilarious consequences...	800L	Ruby	
You don't know everything Jilly P		Alex Gino	9780545956260	Jilly thinks she's figured out how life works. But when her sister Emma is born Deaf, she realizes how much she still has to learn.	810L	Ruby	
Rise Up		Amanda Li & Amy Blackwell	9781780555782	This book tells the stories of girls and boys from around the world and the challenges they have faced and overcome. It features over 29 tales of amazing young girls and boys who have achieved the unimaginable – from surviving a plane crash in the jungle to striking against climate change. There are tales of triumphing over illness and injury, and of overcoming bullying. Entries include Greta Thunberg, Boyan Slat and Phiona Mutesi, to name a few.	800L	Ruby	
Breakfast Club Adventures		Marcus Rashford	9781529076622	When twelve-year-old Marcus kicks his favourite football over the school fence, he knows he's never getting it back. Nothing that goes over that wall ever comes back. But the next morning during Breakfast Club Marcus gets a mysterious note inviting him to join the Breakfast Club Investigators, and he is soon pulled into an exciting adventure with his new mates to solve the mystery and get his football back!	800L	Ruby	
Death in the Spotlight		Robin Stevens	9780141373829	Fresh from their adventure in Hong Kong, Hazel and Daisy are off to the Theatre in London to face an entirely new challenge: acting. Jealousy, threats and horrible pranks quickly spiral out of control - Hazel and Daisy must take centre stage and solve the crime . . . before the murderer strikes again.	800L	Ruby	


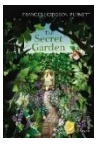
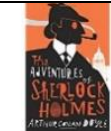

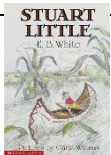
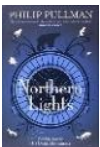
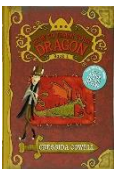
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Boy in the Tower		Polly Ho-Yen	978-0552569163	When they first arrived, they came quietly and stealthily as if they tiptoed into the world when we were all looking the other way. But one day, other tower blocks on the estate start falling down around them and strange, menacing plants begin to appear. Now their tower isn't safe anymore. Ade and his mum are trapped and there's no way out . . .	810L	Ruby	
High Rise Mystery		Sharna Jackson	9781999642518	The detective duo everyone is dying to meet! Summer in London is hot, the hottest on record, and there's been a murder in THE TRI: the high-rise home to resident know-it-alls, Nik and Norva. Who better to solve the case? Armed with curiosity, home-turf knowledge and unlimited time – until the end of the summer holidays anyway. The first whodunnit in a new mystery series by Sharna Jackson.	810L	Ruby	
Tamarind & the Star of Ishta		Jasbinder Bilan	9781913322175	Tamarind never knew her Indian mum, who died soon after she was born. So, when she arrives at her ancestral home, a huge mansion in the Himalayas surrounded by luxuriant gardens, she's full of questions for her extended family. But instead of answers, she finds an ominous silence – and a trickle of intriguing clues: an abandoned hut, a friendly monkey, a glowing star ring, and a strange girl in the garden who calls herself Ishta. Slowly, Tamarind unravels a mystery at the heart of who she is ...	810L	Ruby	
The Invention of Hugo Cabret		Brian Selznick	9781407103488	ORPHAN, CLOCK KEEPER, AND THIEF, twelve-year-old Hugo lives in the walls of a busy Paris train station, where his survival depends on secrets and anonymity.	820L	Ruby	

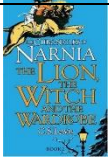

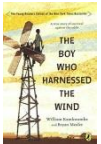
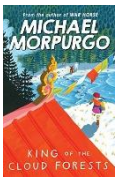
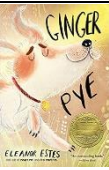
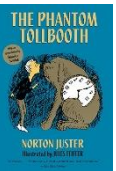

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Titanic		Mark Dubowski	9780789434418	This book brings to life the gripping story of the "unsinkable" Titanic and its doomed maiden voyage.	820L	Ruby	
The Night Bus Hero		Onjali Q. Rauf	978-1510106772	From Onjali Q. Rauf, the award-winning and best-selling author of <i>The Boy at the Back of the Class</i> , comes another incredible story, told with humour and heart. Told from the perspective of a bully, this book explores themes of bullying and homelessness, while celebrating kindness, friendship and the potential everyone has to change for the good.	840L	Ruby	
Journey to the River Sea		Eva Ibbotson	9781447265689	It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon.	860L	Ruby	
Tom's Midnight Garden		Phillipa Pearce	9780192734501	Thirteen! Tom races down the stairs and out the back door, into a garden everyone told him wasn't there.	860L	Ruby	
The Boy of a Thousand Faces		Brian Selznick	9780064410809	With Alonzo's birthday being on Halloween, he can name every monster movie ever made. When the Beast comes to town, can he solve the mystery and become the Boy of a Thousand Faces? Illustrations.	870L	Ruby	
Murder Most Unladylike		Robin Stevens	9780141369761	When Daisy and Hazel set up their own secret detective agency, they struggle to find any truly exciting mysteries to investigate. Then Hazel discovers the Science Mistress, Miss Bell, lying dead in the Gym. She assumes it was a terrible accident - but when she and Daisy return five minutes later, the body has disappeared.	880L	Ruby	
Silverfin		Charlie Higson	9780141343372	It's James Bond's first day at Eton, and he's already met his first enemy. This is the start of an adventure that will take him from the school playing fields to the remote shores of Loch Silverfin and a terrifying discovery ...	900L	Sapphire	
The Secret of Haven Point		Lisette Auton	9780241522035	Washed up as a baby beside a remote lighthouse and raised by a mermaid, Alpha Lux was the first foundling at Haven Point. Now the lighthouse is a ramshackle home for any disabled person who needs somewhere to belong.	900L	Sapphire	

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				Looting from passing ships to make a living, they call themselves the Wrecklings, and for the children of Haven Point life is spent adventuring on the wild shore.			
All the things that could go wrong		Stewart Foster	9781471145421	<p>Dan is angry. Nothing has been the same since his big brother left, and he's taking it out on the nearest and weakest target: Alex.</p> <p>Alex is struggling. His severe OCD makes it hard for him to leave the house, especially when Dan and his gang are waiting for him at school . . .</p> <p>Then the boys' mums arrange for them to meet up and finish building the raft that Dan started with his brother. Two enemies stuck together for the whole of the school holidays – what could possibly go wrong?</p>	900L	Sapphire	
The Secret Garden		Frances Hodgson-Burnett	9780099572954	When Mary Lennox is sent to Misselthwaite Manor to live with her uncle everybody says she is the most disagreeable-looking child ever seen.	900L	Sapphire	
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes		David Mackintosh	9781847496164	Sherlock Holmes wields his powers of deduction in pursuit of justice and truth, venturing out into foggy Victorian London.	900L	Sapphire	
Harry Potter series (first 3 books)		JK Rowling	N/A	Harry Potter and the Philosophers stone, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets and Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. Each book is one book read towards getting a certificate.	900L	Sapphire	
Stuart Little		EB White	9780064400565	Stuart Little is the enchanting tale of the mouse who is small in size but enormous in spirit.	920L	Sapphire	
Northern Lights		Philip Pullman	9781407130224	The destiny that awaits her will take her to the frozen lands of the Arctic, where witch-clans reign and ice-bears fight.	930L	Sapphire	
How to Train your Dragon		Cressida Cowell	9780340999073	Chronicles the adventures and misadventures of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.	930L	Sapphire	

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The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe		CS Lewis	9780007323128	When the Pevensie children - 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.	940L	Sapphire	
Little Women		Louisa May Alcott	9781979323307	The novel follows the lives of the four March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy, from childhood into maturity. The journey is not an easy one.	950L	Sapphire	
The Boy who Harnessed the Wind (young readers edition)		William Kamkwamba	0606399798	William Kamkwamba shares the remarkable story of his youth in Malawi, when he designed a turbine and saved his village. An uplifting novel.	960L	Sapphire	
King of the Cloud Forests		Michael Morpurgo	1405226684	Escaping from China as the Japanese invade, Ashley and Uncle Sung embark on a perilous journey across the Himalayas. Then Ashley finds himself alone in the hostile mountains, battling for his life. He is just about to give up all hope, when he has a mysterious and terrifying encounter . . .	970L	Sapphire	
Ginger Pye		Eleanor Estes	0544927818	Jerry and Rachel Pye have the most intelligent dog in all of Cranbury, Ginger Pye. When Ginger is stolen, can Jerry and Rachel save their dog from an evil stranger?	990L	Sapphire	
The Phantom Tollbooth		Norton Juster	0394820371	This ingenious fantasy centres around Milo, a bored ten-year-old who comes home to find a large toy tollbooth sitting in his room. Joining forces with a watchdog named Tock, Milo drives through the tollbooth's gates and begins a memorable journey.	1000L	Diamond	
The Ickabog		J. K. Rowling	9781338732870	The kingdom of Cornucopia was once the happiest in the world. Everything was perfect – except for the misty Marshlands which, according to legend, were home to the monstrous Ickabog. Anyone sensible knew that the Ickabog was just a myth, to scare children into behaving. But the funny thing about myths is that sometimes they take on a life of their own....	1090L	Diamond	

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