



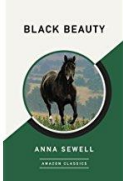
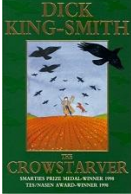


40 Recommended Reading Books for Year 6

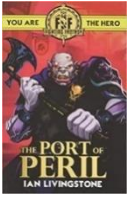
We have carefully selected books that will hopefully capture your imagination. This list contains colour-bands and a description of the book so that you are able to choose your favourites according to your book-band level and your personal interests. The 'Lexile rating' included measures the difficulty 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 this 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 after 25.

Title	Image	Author	ISBN	Overview	Lexile rating	Book Band	Book Read
The Girl of Ink and Stars		Kiran Millwood Hargrave	9781910027422	Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her cartographer father once mapped. When her friend disappears, she volunteers to guide the search. The world beyond the walls is a monster-filled wasteland - and beneath the dry rivers and smoking mountains, a fire demon is stirring from its sleep.	810	Ruby	
Street Child You could also read 'Far from Home', which is the sequel.		Berlie Doherty	9780140379365	A fictional account of the experiences of Jim Jarvis, a young orphan who escapes the workhouse in 1860's London and survives brutal treatment and desperate circumstances until he is taken in by Dr. Barnardo, founder of a school for the city's "ragged" children.	810	Ruby	
Tricks and Transformations		Anthony Horowitz	9780753465455	A collection of five bite-size myths from across the globe, Tricks and Transformations by Anthony Horowitz includes astonishing tales from Greek, Japanese and Chinese mythology.	850	Ruby	
The Railway Children		Edith Nesbit	9780140366716	The story concerns a family who move to "Three Chimneys", a house near the railway, after the father, who works at the Foreign office, is imprisoned after being falsely accused of spying.	840	Ruby	
Clockwork		Philip Pullman	9780440866381	Tick, tock, tick, tock! Some stories are like that. Once you've wend them up, nothing will stop them ...A tormented apprentice clock-maker, a deadly mechanical knight in armour - and the sinister Dr Kalmenius, who some say is the devil .	900	Ruby	
Oliver Twist		Charles Dickens	9780099582632	Meet the Artful Dodger, as roistering and swaggering a young gentleman as ever stood four foot six. With him, you'll run down the dirty backstreets of London to be entertained by the Respectable Old Gentleman and his brood of thieves and pickpockets.	900	Ruby	


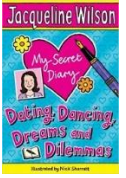

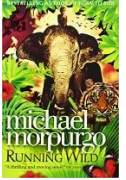
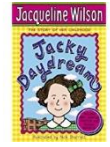
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File Under: 13 Suspicious Events		Lemony Snickett	9780316284035	Before the Baudelaires became orphans, before he encountered A Series of Unfortunate Events, even before the invention of Netflix, Lemony Snicket was a boy discovering the mysteries of the world. <i>Match wits with Lemony Snicket to solve thirteen mini-mysteries.</i>	900	Ruby	
Time Travelling with a Hamster		Ross Welford	978-0008156312	All without losing his pet hamster, Alan Shearer... Time Travelling With a Hamster is a funny, heart-warming race-against-time – and across generations – adventure that you will won't be able to put down. ... In it Al receives a mission: travel back to 1984 in a secret time machine and save his father's life.	900	Ruby	
Black Light Express		Philip Reeve	9780192744791	There was nothing, and then there was a train. A train with two passengers: a petty thief from a dead-end town, and an android girl who could be more human than the rest of us. Join Zen and Nova as they find out what really lies beyond the end of the universe . . .	910	Sapphire	
Murder is Bad Manners		Robin Stevens	9781481422130	Two friends form a detective agency--and must solve their first murder case--in this "sharp-witted debut" (<i>Publishers Weekly</i> , starred review) that is the first adventure in a brand-new middle grade mystery series set at a 1930s boarding school.	910	Sapphire	
Black Beauty		Anna Sewell	9781542049320	From the meadow of his youth to the crowded, frosty streets of London, Black Beauty tells the story of his life under many masters in Victorian England, among them the kind Squire Gordon, the principled Jeremiah Barker, and the exploitive Nicholas Skinner. No matter the circumstance, Beauty bears joy and hardship with grace, heeding his mother's advice to be good, gentle, and hardworking—always.	910	Sapphire	
The Crowstarver		Dick King Smith	9780552546034	Discovered as a foundling in a lambing pen, Spider Sparrow grows up surrounded by animals. From sheep and horses to wild otters and foxes, Spider loves them all, even the crows must scare away the newly sown wheat. Amazingly, every animal who meets Spider implicitly trusts the young boy. This magical rapport is Spider's unique gift, but	920	Sapphire	

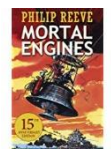
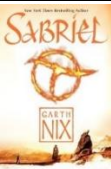
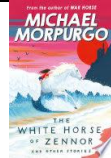
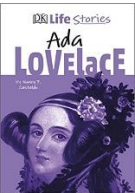

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				nothing else in his tough life is so easy.			
The Lord of the Rings (all 3 books)		J. R. R. Tolkien	9780 3453 3970 6	Good and evil fight for control of the future of Middle-earth. A sequel to The Hobbit. Hobbits Frodo and Sam reach Mordor in their quest to destroy the 'one ring'.	920	Sapphire	
Robinson Crusoe		Daniel Defoe	9781 8532 6045 2	The novel Robinson Crusoe tells the story of a young and impulsive Englishman that defies his parents' wishes and takes to the seas seeking adventure.	930	Sapphire	
Port of Peril		Ian Livingstone	9781 4071 8129 5	Are YOU brave enough to face the savage demons of the underworld...? Evil stalks the land as undead hordes rise from their graves to terrorize the living. Embark on an epic quest and ultimately face your worst nightmare... You will need dice to determine the direction you take in this book.	930	Sapphire	
What Katy Did Next		Susan Coolidge	9780 1403 6757 7	What Katy Did Next is a children's book by Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, working under the pen name Susan Coolidge. It follows the stories What Katy Did, What Katy Did At School and tells the adventures of Katy Carr as she travels to Europe.	940	Sapphire	
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit		Judith Kerr	9780 0074 4333 8	Anna was only nine years old in 1933, too busy with her school work and friends to take much notice of Adolf Hitler's face glaring out of political posters all over Berlin.	940	Sapphire	
Harry Potter series (books 4-7)		J K Rowling	9781 4088 5566 9	Harry Potter's summer has included the worst birthday ever, doomy warnings from a house-elf called Dobby, and rescue from the Dursley's by his friend Ron Weasley in a magical flying car! Back at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry for his second year, Harry hears strange whispers echo through empty corridors - and then the attacks start.	950	Sapphire	
The Diary of Anne Frank		Anne Frank	9780 5532 9698 3	The Diary of a Young Girl, also known as The Diary of Anne Frank, is a book of the writings from the Dutch language diary kept by Anne Frank while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.	950	Sapphire	

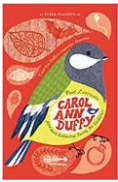
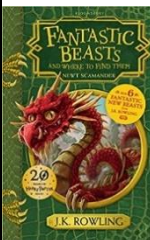
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New Girls at Malory Towers		Enid Blyton	9781 4052 6907 0	Felicity is the new head of the third form at Malory Towers, and what a lot she has to deal with! There are new girls to get to know, mysteries to uncover, and even a concert to put on – not to mention plenty of midnight feasts.	950	Sapphire	
My Secret Diary: Dating, Dancing, Dreams and Dilemmas		Jacqueline Wilson	9780 5525 6156 3	In this wonderfully written memoir of Jacqueline Wilson's life as a teenager, stories about family problems, first love, school life and friends build up a fascinating picture of a real teenager and her inner life. She uses extracts from her real diary to cover issues as diverse as how she created beehive hairdos to her troubled school life.	950	Sapphire	
The Chronicles of Narnia series of books		CS Lewis	n/a	Year 5 have the first in the set – you can read any of the others. Each one counts as one piece of evidence. 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe', 'The Magician's Nephew', 'The Horse and His Boy', 'Prince Caspian', 'The Voyage of the Dawn Treader', 'The Silver Chair' and 'The Last Battle'.	970	Sapphire	
Running Wild		Michael Morpurgo	9780 0072 6702 6	For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them - things like the death of Will's father.	970	Sapphire	
Jacky Daydream		Jacqueline Wilson	9780 4408 6720 3	Lots of Jacqueline Wilson's characters are well-known and well-loved by thousands of readers: Hetty Feather, Ruby and Garnet, Pearl and Jodie, Elsa, Lily and, of course, the brilliant Tracy Beaker! But how much do you know about Jacqueline herself?	970	Sapphire	
Eldest		Christopher Paolini	9780 5525 5211 0	Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, have just saved the rebel state from destruction by the mighty forces of King Galbatorix, cruel ruler of the Empire. Now Eragon must travel to Ellesméra, land of the elves, for further training in magic and swordsmanship, the vital skills of the Dragon Rider. It is the journey of a lifetime, filled with awe-inspiring new places and people, each day a fresh adventure.	970	Sapphire	

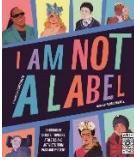
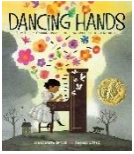
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Mortal Engines		Philip Reeve	9781407152134	The first instalment introduces young apprentice Tom Natsworthy and the murderous Hester Shaw, flung from the fast-moving city of London into heart-stopping adventures in the wastelands of the Great Hunting Ground.	990	Sapphire	
Sabriel		Garth Nix	9780061474354	Sabriel is a fantasy novel by Garth Nix and illustrators Leo and Diane Dillon, first published in 1995. It is the first in his Old Kingdom trilogy, followed by Lirael and Abhorsen.	1000	Diamond	
The Hobbit		J. R. R. Tolkien	9780007525492	The classic bestseller, this film tie-in edition features the complete story of Bilbo Baggins' adventures in Middle-earth as shown in the film trilogy, with a striking cover image from Peter Jackson's film adaptation and drawings and maps by J.R.R. Tolkien.	1000	Diamond	
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas		John Boyne	9780857533937	Bruno doesn't like his new house. He had to leave all his friends behind in Berlin, and there are no children to play with here - until Bruno meets Shmuel, a boy who lives on the other side of the wire fence near Bruno's house, and who wears a strange uniform of striped pyjamas	1000	Diamond	
White Horse of Zennor		Michael Morpurgo	9781405256759	Set in a church town where men become beats and ghosts roam freely, these are haunting and unforgettable tales where magic lies around every corner.	1020	Diamond	
Life stories: Ada Lovelace		Nancy Castaldo	9781465485403	In this biography, discover the inspiring story of Ada Lovelace, who wrote the world's first computer programme. Ada met mathematician Charles Babbage, inventor of calculating machines. She went on to devise a way of inputting data into Babbage's Analytical Machine, and in doing so became the first ever computer programmer.	1020	Diamond	
The Fall of Fergal		Philip Ardagh	9780571215218	The McNally children find themselves in The Dell hotel surrounded by a strange assortment of ridiculous characters ranging from Charlie 'Twinkle Toes' Tweedy the house detective, to Mr. Peach, a ventriloquist with a conveniently-large moustache. With young Fergal McNally falling to his	1030	Diamond	

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				death on page one, the only way for the McNallys is up. Expect the unexpected with Philip Ardagh pulling out all the stops that make this fiction so unique and so absurd.			
New collected poems for children		Carol Ann Duffy	0571 3373 09	This stellar edition of her poems brings together work from her four award-winning collections for children, and sprinkles in a generous helping of new poems to match.	1030	Diamond	
Charlies Darwin's: The Origin of the Species		Sabina Radeva	9781 9848 9491 5	A picture book adaptation of Charles Darwin's groundbreaking 'On the Origin of Species'. A lushly illustrated book told in accessible and engaging easy-to-understand text for young readers.	1050	Diamond	
Terrible Times		Philip Ardagh	9780 5712 1622 2	In the third installment of the Eddie Dickens saga, our poor hero Eddie finds himself on the way to America aboard the sailing ship Pompous Pig, along with a cargo hold full of left shoes, the world-famous Dog's Bone Diamond, and some of the most dangerous traveling companions anyone might have the misfortune to share a ship with	1070	Diamond	
A series of Unfortunate events series (13 books)		Lemony Snickett		A Series of Unfortunate Events is the story of the three Baudelaire orphans, Violet, Claus and Sunny. The books are narrated by Lemony Snickett, a mysterious man who follows the story through clues passed on through a secret organization known only as the V.F.D. The series begins with the three children losing their parents in a fire.	Various	Diamond	
Beowulf		Michael Morpurgo	9781 4063 4887 3	In fifth-century Denmark, a murderous monster stalks the night, and only the great prince of the Geats has the strength and courage to defeat him.	1180	Diamond	
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them		J K Rowling	9781 4088 8071 5	Scamander's years of travel and research have created a tome of unparalleled importance. Some of the beasts will be familiar to readers of the Harry Potter books - the Hippogriff, the Basilisk, the Hungarian Horntail ... Others will surprise even the most ardent amateur Magizoologist. Dip in to discover the curious habits of magical beasts across five continents .	1200	Diamond	

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I am not a label		Cerrie Burnell	9780711263918	Meet 34 artists, thinkers, athletes and activists with disabilities, from past and present. From Frida Kahlo to Stephen Hawking, find out how these iconic figures have overcome obstacles, owned their differences and paved the way for others by making their bodies and minds work for them.	1200	Diamond	
Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno played piano for President Lincoln		Margarita Engle and Rafael Lopez	9781481487405	This is an inspirational story about one little girl's journey to fame. Teresa Carreño was a young girl who loved music and had a special talent for letting her hands dance across the beautiful keys of a piano.	1260	Diamond	

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