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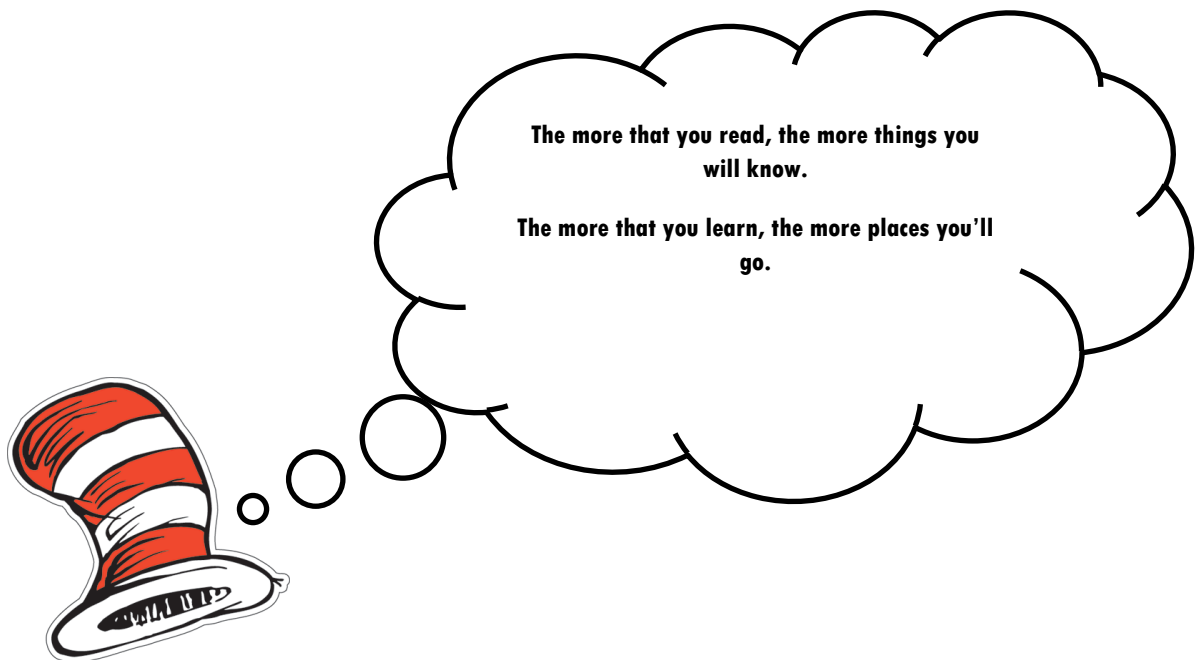
Earn 10 stamps!

Below is a list of books, organised into sections with very brief comments about them. This list is just a starting point – there is a wealth of good books being published all the time. We have tried to select a variety of books so that you will be able to find a book that you will really enjoy. Many of these titles are available in the library, but you may have to search a little further afield for some. You can download classics for free if you have a Kindle or tablet device!

Recommend books to your friends and swap books you have enjoyed with each other. When you have read a book you have enjoyed, look for other titles by the same author.

Don't forget to claim your 10 reading stamps!!

†Titles that are more challenging – but that doesn't mean that you can't enjoy them with a little effort!



<i>Exodus</i> , Julie Bertagna	A quest for survival and a search for a new world.
<i>Hacker</i> , Malorie Blackman	A computer hacking adventure.
<i>Storm Catchers</i> , Tim Bowler	Kidnap and mystery.
<i>Millions</i> , Frank Cottrell Boyce	Adventure & dealing with grief.
<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time</i> , Mark Haddon	A murder mystery like no other.
<i>Silverfin</i> , Charlie Higson	James Bond is back, aged 13 years. The original superspy.
<i>Scorpia</i> , Anthony Horowitz	The MI6 adventure spy adventure series.
<i>Journey to the River Sea</i> , Eva Ibbotson	An adventure along the Amazon.
<i>Star of Kazan</i> , Eva Ibbotson	A family mystery.
<i>Thunder and Lightnings</i> , Jan Mark	An adventure mystery – all about planes!
<i>Underworld</i> , Catherine Macphail	A school trip that goes wrong...
<i>Trash</i> , Andy Mulligan	Three friends find something extraordinary on a heap of trash. From that moment on they are hunted without mercy.
<i>Windsinger</i> , William Nicholson	Social hierarchy & family love – the first of the ‘Wind on Fire’ trilogy (<i>Slaves of the Mastery & Firesong</i>)
<i>Seeker</i> , William Nicholson	The first in another trilogy from William Nicholson.
<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> , Katherine Patterson	An adventure mystery.
<i>Johnny and the Bomb</i> , Terry Pratchett	A time travelling adventure!
<i>Brother in the Land</i> , Robert Swindells	What will happen to the earth in the event of a nuclear attack?

<i>Jane Eyre</i> , Charlotte Bronte	The story of a young girl's passage to adulthood in the early nineteenth century.
<i>The Secret Garden</i> , Frances Hodgson-Burnett	An adventure into a secret garden, showing that people can change...
<i>Anne of Green Gables</i> , L. M. Montgomery	The first of a series of books about an orphan girl and her new life...Detailed and descriptive...
<i>Heidi</i> , Johanna Spyri	Set in Switzerland, a story of friendship and family.
<i>Little Women</i> , Louisa M Alcott	First in the series of classic novels of 4 sisters growing up in 1860s America written from the point of view of Jo, who would dearly like to be a writer.
<i>Jane Eyre</i> , Charlotte Bronte	Jane falls in love with her rich employer, only to find he has a dark secret...Classic stuff that has thrilled generations.
<i>The Body in the Library</i> , Agatha Christie	Christie in her finest Miss Marple tale of murder and revenge.
<i>Oliver Twist</i> , Charles Dickens	Classic tale of the young orphan's dramatic move through life.
<i>Animal Farm</i> , George Orwell	Stunning political parody set in a farmyard with animals playing the parts of people.
<i>A Town Like Alice</i> , Nevil Shute	About the heroics of a young English woman during World War 2. A fascinating study.
<i>I Capture the Castle</i> , Dodie Smith	Great novel of first love, with an eccentric family of sisters living in a dilapidated castle.
<i>Treasure Island</i> , Robert Louis Stevenson	Sea adventure and the search for lost treasure. The wonderful characters make this yarn as fun as ever.
<i>Walkabout</i> , J. Vance Marshall	In the Australian desert, two children, survivors of an air crash, make their journey across the harsh landscape, aided by an Aboriginal boy on "walkabout".
<i>Journey to the Centre of the Earth</i> , Jules Verne	Wonderfully inventive story about explorers who climb down an extinct volcano and into the centre of the earth.
<i>The Time Machine</i> , HG Wells	Sci-Fi novel about time travel and the possible consequences.
<i>War of the Worlds</i> , HG Wells	The Martians invade Earth. A ground-breaking science fiction novel.

Fantasy

<i>Skellig</i> , David Almond	A strange man found in a garage is the start of an angelic mystery.
<i>Midget</i> , Tim Bowler	Unable to speak, but powerful; family conflict.
<i>Basilisk</i> , N. M. Brown	A story of two worlds.
† <i>The Dark is Rising</i> series, Susan Cooper	A series of 5 books, beginning with "Over Sea, Under Stone" – a story of a quest.
<i>Ingo</i> , Helen Dunmore	Mermaids and coping with loss.
<i>Dark Ground</i> , Gillian Cross	A boy is forced to survive in a dangerous world... with a twist.
<i>Shadow of the Minotaur</i> , Alan Gibbons	A gripping, fantasy thriller. Phoenix hates his new home and the new school where he is bullied.
<i>Across the Nightingale Floor</i> , Liam Hearn	The first of a trilogy - a mystery in the Orient (<i>Grass for his Pillow & Brilliance of the Moon</i>).
<i>Doomspell</i> , Cliff McNish	A magical fantasy.
<i>The Snow Spider</i> , Jenny Nimmo	The first of a trilogy (<i>Emlyn's Moon & The Chestnut Soldier</i>) about a boy magician.
<i>Tom's Midnight Garden</i> , Philippa Pearce	A time travelling adventure.
<i>Northern Lights</i> , Philip Pullman	A trilogy exploring authority and other worlds (<i>The Subtle Knife & The Amber Spyglass</i>).
<i>Mortal Engines</i> , Phillip Reeve	Set in a world where moving cities trawl the globe. Tom and Hester have been thrown out of theirs.
<i>Harry Potter</i> , J. K. Rowling	A series of books about the life of a wizard as he goes through Hogwarts School - don't just rely on the films - read the books!
<i>Holes</i> , Louis Sachar	A mystery unfolds in a prison camp in desert America.
<i>Secret Songs</i> , Jane Stemp	A story of love, Silkies, the sea...
<i>Lord of the Rings/ The Hobbit</i> , J. R. R. Tolkien	A trilogy about a quest to rid the world of the power of the ring - don't just rely on the films! Read <i>The Hobbit</i> before the new film comes out!
<i>The Dreamwalker's Child</i> , Steve Voake	Sam Palmer is knocked off his bike and wakes in Aurobon, a parallel world where insects are used as war machines.
<i>Mirror Dreams</i> , Catherine Webb	A magical adventure with wizards...

Stories from other cultures

<i>Little Soldier</i> , Bernard Ashley Bullying	Family, racism.
† <i>The Alchemist</i> , Paul Coelho	The story of a boy's quest for the Elixir of Life. Very philosophical. Lots of thinking required!
<i>Breadwinner</i> , Deborah Ellis	Life in Afghanistan under the Taliban. The first of three books - <i>Pavana's Journey & Mud City</i> .
† <i>Daughter of the Wind</i> , Suzanne Fisher-Staples	Issues facing a Muslim desert girl.
<i>Under the Persimmon Tree</i> , Suzanne Fisher-Staples	Afghanistan under the Taliban.
<i>Lost for Words</i> , Elizabeth Lutzeier	Moving to England.
<i>The Other Side of Truth</i> , Beverley Naidoo	Refugees and immigration. Also read the sequel, <i>Web of Lies</i> .
<i>Chinese Cinderella</i> , Adeline Yen Mah	The life of an orphan child in China.
<i>Zlata's Diary</i> , Zlata Filipovic	A diary from war torn Eastern Europe.
<i>Thura's Diary</i> , Thura Al-Windawi	A diary from war torn Iraq.
<i>AK</i> , Peter Dickinson	The story of a boy soldier.
<i>White Stranger</i> , Susan Gates	How do we view the values and morals of people from different backgrounds and cultures?
<i>The Wheel of Surya</i> , Jamilla Gavin	The first in a trilogy about a life between India and the UK and the conflicting cultures (<i>The Eye of the Horse & Track of the Wind</i>).
<i>The Garbage King</i> , Elizabeth Laird	Street children in South Africa.
<i>No Turning Back</i> , Beverley Naidoo	Street children in South Africa.
<i>Out of Bounds</i> , Beverley Naidoo	A collection of short stories – one from each decade of Apartheid, showing the gradual process of change in South Africa.
<i>Motherland</i> , Vineeta Vijayaraghavan	The story of a girl sent to India to explore possibilities for an arranged marriage.

Real life issues

<i>Soundtrack</i> , Julie Bertagna	Dealing with grief and loss.
<i>Pig-Heart Boy</i> , Malorie Blackman	Heart transplant, animal rights, life & death.
† <i>Noughts & Crosses</i> , Malorie Blackman	Issues of racism & prejudice from a different perspective. First of a trilogy (<i>Knife Edge & Checkmate</i>).
<i>Blubber</i> , Judy Blume	Bullying and family issues.
<i>Hello God, It's me</i> , Margaret, Judy Blume	Friendship & growing up; thoughts about God and the world.
<i>Walk Two Moons</i> , Sharon Creech	Dealing with grief and family life, with a mystery unfolding.
<i>Refugee Boy</i> , Benjamin Zephaniah	Story of a young Ethiopian boy, whose parents abandon him in London to save his life.
<i>Goggle Eyes</i> , Anne Fine	Living with separated parents /Divorce.
<i>Flour Babies</i> , Anne Fine	Parenting and family values
<i>Mister God</i> , This is Anna Fynn	A conversation about life and the universe - an interesting story about a girls' experiences as she grows up.
<i>Love Aubrey</i> , Suzanne LaFleur	A young girl recovering from the tragedy of losing her father and sister in an automobile accident, and from the confusion of being abandoned by her grieving mother.
<i>Inventing Elliot</i> , Graham Garner	Bullying.
<i>The Edge</i> , Alan Gibbons	A boy and his mother escape from a life of fear in an abusive relationship.
<i>Red Sky in the Morning</i> , Elizabeth Laird	The impact of having a disabled baby brother.
<i>Jake's Tower</i> , Elizabeth Laird	Step families / abuse.
<i>Girl Missing</i> , Sophie Mackenzie	Lauren has always known she has been adopted but is it possible she was snatched from an American family at birth?
<i>Double Image</i> , Pat Moon	Coping with loss and mental health issues.
<i>Daughter</i> , Isobel Moore	The life of a young girl caring for a mother with Alzheimer's Disease.

Historical

<i>Remembrance</i> , Theresa Breslin	The story of two families in WW1.
<i>King of Shadows</i> , Susan Cooper	A time travel adventure into the world of Shakespeare.
† <i>Arthur and the Seeing Stone</i> , Kevin Crossley- Holland	The first of a trilogy set in Medieval England (<i>Arthur at the Crossing Places & King of the Middle March</i>).
† <i>The Kin</i> , Peter Dickinson	A historical family adventure.
<i>Children of Winter</i> , Berlie Doherty	Set in Eyam – a village isolated by the plague in the 1600s.
<i>Street Child</i> , Berlie Doherty	The story behind the foundation of Dr Barnado's children's homes.
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank / Diary of a Young Girl</i> , Anne Frank	The diary of a Jewish girl in hiding during WW2.
† <i>Coram Boy</i> , Jamilla Gavin Orphans	The Coram Hospital slaves.
<i>Stars of Fortune</i> , Cynthia Harnett	What happened when Elizabeth I was imprisoned by Mary I?
<i>I Am David</i> , Ann Holm	A journey from imprisonment.
<i>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit</i> , Judith Kerr	A humorous adventure story from WW2.
<i>Private Peaceful</i> , Michael Morpurgo	The personal story of a soldier during WW1.
<i>Witch Child</i> , Celia Rees	Sixteenth century witch hunts – a horror mystery.
<i>The Silver Sword</i> , Ian Serraillier	A journey to escape from attack during the WW2.
† <i>Last Train from Kummersdorf</i> , Lesley Wilson	Consider the events of the WW2 from the perspective of two young Germans.
<i>Carrie's War</i> , Nina Bawden	Evacuation & adventure during WW2.
<i>PoW</i> , Martin Booth	A novel of conflict and adventure.
<i>Kezzie</i> , Theresa Breslin	Mining and transportation.