

Waterstones

Top 50 children's literature picks

Stuck for inspiring literature to catch your children's imaginations? Wondering what on earth is out there to tempt your reluctant readers?

In Waterstones stores every day, great children's books are flying off the shelves, some are new stories, some are classics from the authors we ourselves loved as children, but all of them have one thing in common - they've made it onto the Waterstones Top 50 children's literature picks!

If you're searching for books for reading for pleasure, this list a great place to start...

The top picks for 5 to 8 year olds

1. Mrs Pepperpot Stories	Alf Proysen	Random House
2. Utterly Me, Clarice Bean	Lauren Child	Hachette Children's Books
3. Kate the Royal Wedding Fairy	Daisy Meadows	Hachette Children's Books
4. Fantastic Mr Fox	Roald Dahl	Penguin Books
5. The Kitten Nobody Wanted	Holly Webb	Magi Publications
6. Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown	Egmont Children's Books
7. George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl	Penguin Books
8. Horrid Henry and Other Stories	Francesca Simon	Orion Publishing
9. Horrid Henry and the Zombie Vampire	Francesca Simon	Orion Publishing
10. Beast Quest: Ferno the Fire Dragon	Adam Blade	Hachette Children's Books
11. The Worst Witch	Jill Murphy	Penguin Books
12. The Magic Faraway Tree	Enid Blyton	Egmont Children's Books
13. The Twits	Roald Dahl	Penguin Books
14. You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!	Andy Stanton	Egmont Children's Books
15. The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo	HarperCollins

The top children's reference picks

1. Horrible Histories: Ruthless Romans	Terry Deary	Scholastic Ltd
2. Horrible Histories: The Terrible Tudors	Terry Deary & Neil Tonge	Scholastic Ltd
3. Atticus the Storyteller's 100 Greek Myths	Lucy Coats	Orion Publishing
4. See Inside Castles	Katie Daynes	Usborne Publishing
5. See Inside Space	Katie Daynes	Usborne Publishing
6. See Inside Your Body	Katie Daynes	Usborne Publishing
7. Predators	Steve Backshall	Orion Publishing
8. Steve Backshall's Deadly 60	Steve Backshall	New Holland UK

The top picks for 9 to 12 year olds

1. Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief	Rick Riordan	Penguin Books
2. The BFG	Roald Dahl	Penguin Books
3. The Lost Hero	Rick Riordan	Penguin Books
4. The Naughtiest Girl in the School	Enid Blyton	Hachette Children's Books
5. The Twins at St Clare's	Enid Blyton	Egmont Children's Books
6. Matilda	Roald Dahl	Penguin Books
7. May Contain Nuts	Jonathan Meres	Hachette Children's Books
8. Little Darlings	Jacqueline Wilson	Random House
9. The Kane Chronicles: The Red Pyramid	Rick Riordan	Penguin Books
10. Laura Marlin Mysteries: Dead Man's Cove	Lauren St John	Orion Publishing
11. The Tales of Beedle the Bard	JK Rowling	Bloomsbury Publishing
12. Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	HarperCollins
13. Farm Boy	Michael Morpurgo	HarperCollins
14. Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer	Penguin Books
15. The Brilliant World of Tom Gates	Liz Pichon	Scholastic Ltd
16. The Worst Thing About My Sister	Jacqueline Wilson	Random House
17. Shadow	Michael Morpurgo	HarperCollins
18. Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone	JK Rowling	Bloomsbury Publishing
19. Hiccup	Cressida Cowell	Hachette Children's Books
20. Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy	HarperCollins
21. The Boy in the Dress	David Walliams	HarperCollins
22. Mr Stink	David Walliams	HarperCollins
23. Billionaire Boy	David Walliams	HarperCollins
24. Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Jeff Kinney	Penguin Books
25. Gangsta Granny	David Walliams	HarperCollins
26. War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	Egmont Children's Books
27. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Cabin Fever	Jeff Kinney	Penguin Books



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