

1st year

Summer Reading Suggestions



Paper Avalanche

Williamson, Lisa

Ro makes her first real friends and discovers her talent for singing while dealing with a chaotic home life caused by her parents' divorce and her mother's hoarding.

AR Book Level: 4.9



Seeing Red

Erskine, Kathryn

When 12-year-old Frederick's father dies, his mother wants to sell their automobile repair shop. But Red is desperate to stop the sale, even if it means unearthing some dark family secrets.

AR Book Level BL: 4.6



A Dangerous Crossing

Mitchell, Jane

Based on the harrowing real-life experiences of Syrian families, this is the story of Ghalib and his family who are forced to leave Syria in search of a safe place to live.

AR Book Level: 4.1

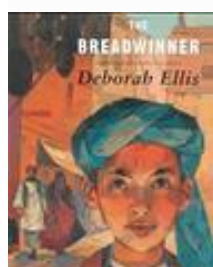


How to Look for a Lost Dog

Martin, Ann M.

When Rose's dog Rain goes missing during a storm, the implications for her family are greater than any of them imagined.

AR Book Level: 4.3

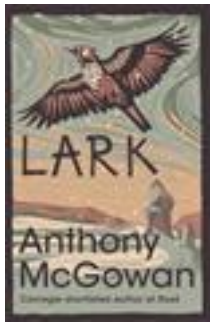


The Breadwinner

Ellis, Deborah

When Parvana's father is arrested and taken away, Parvana and her mother and sisters face starvation; under Taliban law women and girls must not leave the house alone. In desperation, Parvana pretends to be a boy to save her family.

Book level 4.5



Lark
McGowan, Anthony

Things are getting tense at home for Nicky and Kenny as they wait for a visit from their mum. To escape, they go for a walk on the moors with their dog. However, the walk turns deadly when they are caught in a blizzard.

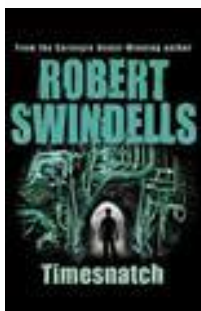
Book Level 4.2



After Tomorrow
Cross, Gillian

When food becomes scarce in the UK, Matt and his little brother escape to France. But life in a refugee camp is hard and they have to call on their own resourcefulness to survive.

Book Level: 4.1



Timesnatch
Swindells, Robert

Kizzy and Frazer's physicist mum has invented a time machine to travel into the past, snatch an extinct plant or animal and bring it back to the present. But a sinister organisation has learned of the machine and wants to use it.

Book Level 4.3



Until We Win
Newberry, Linda

When Lizzy meets Julia and Elsie, her life is transformed. They're Suffragettes, fighting for Votes for Women. Lizzy is soon caught up in the heat of the cause. But direct action places the Suffragettes in danger of prison - and worse.

Book Level 4.3



Fly Me Home
Ho-Yen, Polly

Leelu, her mother and her brother immigrate to London - leaving her father behind in their home country. Leelu soon discovers someone is leaving her magical gifts outside her new home - wonders that have magical powers.

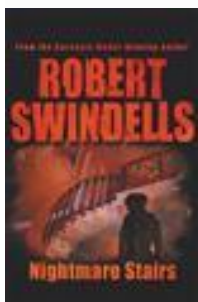
Book Level 4.7



The Letter for the King
Dragt, Tonke

On the night of his final vigil before being knighted, Tiuri answers a request to deliver an urgent letter to a distant kingdom across the Great Mountains, a journey that will threaten his life and teach him the true meaning of what it is to be a knight.

Book level 4.9



Nightmare Stairs
Swindells, Robert

Every night Kirsty dreams of falling down steep, narrow stairs. Then she discovers that her grandma died falling downstairs. When she delves into the past, she uncovers a terrible secret.

Book Level 4.1



Into the Dark: An Echo Falls Mystery
Abrahams, Peter

Thirteen-year-old Sherlock Holmes aficionado Ingrid Levin-Hill tries to clear her grandfather's name when he is accused of murdering an environmental activist found dead on his farm.

Book Level 4.2



The Goose Road
House, Rowena

In 1916, Angélique embarks on an arduous journey across France accompanied by a flock of Toulouse geese. Can she save her family's farm?

Book Level 4.5



Ingo
Dunmore, Helen

As they search for their missing father near their Cornwall home, Sapphy and her brother, Conor, learn about their family's connection to the domains of air and water.

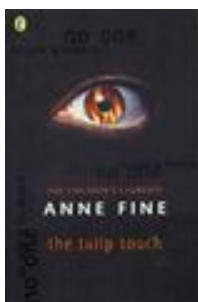
Book Level 3.9



Jackdaw Summer
Almond, David

After Liam and his friend follow a jackdaw, they make a discovery which brings big changes and get embroiled in an adventure with two young runaways.

Book Level 3.3



The Tulip Touch
Fine, Anne

Natalie is the only one who doesn't seem to care about Tulip's strange behaviour, but even she begins to realise that it is going too far.

Book Level 4.4



Maizon at Blue Hill
Woodson, Jacqueline

Maizon gets a scholarship to a boarding school where she confronts questions about her friends, her family, racism, and her African-American heritage.

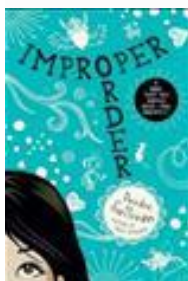
Book Level 4.1



Star by Star
Wilkinson, Sheena

It's 1918 and Stella has lost her suffragette mother to the flu pandemic that is sweeping Europe. Stella wants to change the world - but she can't do it all by herself.

Book Level 4.7



Improper Order
Sullivan, Deirdre

Can Prim defeat the evil Karen, find True Love without losing her best friend and get to be a cruciverbalist?

Book Level 6



Prim Improper
Sullivan, Deirdre

Primrose Leary, age 13. Likes: her pet rat, sausage sandwiches and her best friend Joel. Dislikes: human statues, living with her dad and not having her mum around anymore.

Book Level 6



The Boldness of Betty
Carey, Anna

Betty has no choice but to leave school and go to work in Lawlor's tea shop. When she sees how unfairly workers can be treated, she goes on strike with her union. Can she and her friends and family survive the hardships of Dublin in 1913?

Book Level 5.4



The Making of Mollie
Carey, Anna

Mollie lives in Dublin in 1912 and her life is rather dull until she discovers her big sister Phyllis is a suffragette and fighting for women's rights!

Book Level 5.6



Verdigris Deep
Hardinge, Frances

Three friends fall prey to the demands of the Well Witch when they trespass in her wishing well and steal some coins.

Book Level 6.3



Fly by Night
Hardinge, Frances

Mosca Mye and her homicidal goose, Saracen, travel to the city of Mandelion on the heels of smooth-talking conman, Eponymous Clent.

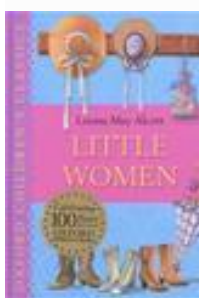
Book Level 7.1



The Dark Is Rising
Cooper, Susan

On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.

Book Level 6.2



Little Women
Alcott, Louisa May

This classic story chronicles the joys and troubles of the four March sisters - Meg, Jo, Amy, Beth - as they grow into young ladies.

Book Level 7.5



Shadow
Morpurgo, Michael

This book tells the story of an Afghan asylum seeker: the perils he faced in his homeland, the dog who led him to safety, and the fight to have him released from an immigration removal centre and granted residence in England.

Book Level 4.9



Dear Olly
Morpurgo, Michael

A story told from three different points of view: a brother working with orphans in Africa, his sister who watches the swallows prepare to leave for their winter migration to that continent, and the swallow who faces terrible dangers on this flight.

Book Level 5.1



The Secret Garden
Burnett, Frances Hodgson

Mary moves to a huge estate to live with her mysterious uncle, his ailing son, the servants ... and a secret garden.

Book Level 6.3



Wonder
Palacio, R.J.

After being home-schooled for years, Auggie Pullman is about to start fifth grade, but he's worried: How will he fit into middle-school life when he looks so different from everyone else?

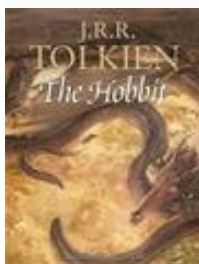
Book Level 4.8



Mortal Engines
Reeve, Philip

A young assassin is stalking her prey through the city. Hester Shaw's plot is foiled by a young apprentice who has finally stumbled into a real adventure. Tom's intervention leaves the pair stranded in the Out-Country. Book #1

Book Level 6.6



The Hobbit
Tolkien, J.R.R.

This stirring adventure is a fantasy that introduces the far-wandering hobbit, Bilbo Baggins.

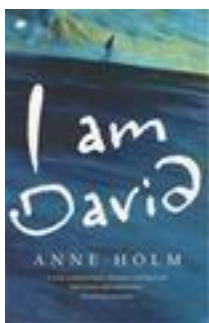
Book Level 6.6



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Twain, Mark

The timeless story of small-town boyhood adventures ranks as one of the great American classics.

Book Level 8.1



I Am David
Holm, Anne

When "the man" helps David escape from the prison camp where he has lived all his life, David can't quite believe it. Everything in the world outside is strange and wonderful. But he knows that at any moment "they" might catch up with him.

Book Level 5.6



Coraline
Gaiman, Neil

Coraline has moved house and is intrigued by a bricked-up door which appears to lead nowhere. One day, she opens the door to find the bricks have vanished. Inquisitive, she goes through the door and enters a world where things are not quite as they seem.

Book Level 5.1



The 10 P.M. Question
De Goldi, Kate

Twelve-year-old Frankie Parsons has a head full of questions that he shares with his mother each night, but when free spirited Sydney arrives at school with questions of her own, Frankie is forced to face the ultimate ten p.m. question.

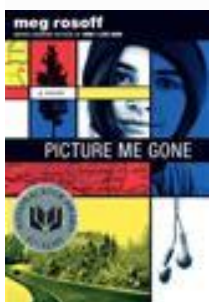
Book Level 5.5



A Skinful of Shadows
Hardinge, Frances

In the 1640s during the English Civil War, Makepeace, the twelve-year-old illegitimate daughter of an aristocratic family, shares the family's unique hereditary gift: the capacity to be possessed by ghosts.

Book Level 5.9



Picture Me Gone
Rosoff, Meg

Twelve-year-old Mila travels with her father to upstate New York to visit friends and family, who may lead them to clues to the whereabouts of her father's best friend, who has gone missing.

Book Level 4.8