

### Year 5/6 Suggested Authors List

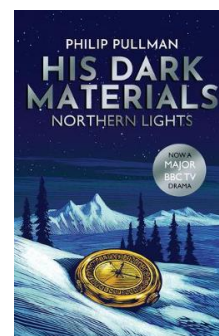
This document offers suggested authors for children in Years 5 and 6 to read; they have been chosen for a variety of reasons that are detailed below:

- Appropriate level of challenge for pupils (based on book band and Lexile Count)
- A range of backgrounds to ensure variety in children's experiences of authors
- A mixture of classical and contemporary authors
- The authors selected have written in a range of fiction genres e.g., action, drama, comedy, fantasy, horror
- A range of authors taken from suggested reading schemes/spines e.g. Pie Corbett (Educational author)
- Suggestions taken from staff *and* pupils at Newfield Park Primary Academy



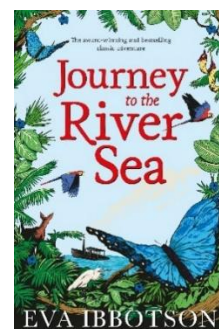
#### **Sir Phillip Pullman**

Sir Phillip Pullman (CBE) is an English author of many high-selling books, including the fantasy trilogy *His Dark Materials*, which begins with *Northern Lights* as seen in the image on the right. If you enjoy fantasy, action and drama, Sir Phillip Pullman is an excellent choice for any reader wanting to see how a master of their craft goes about their work!



#### **Eva Ibbotson**

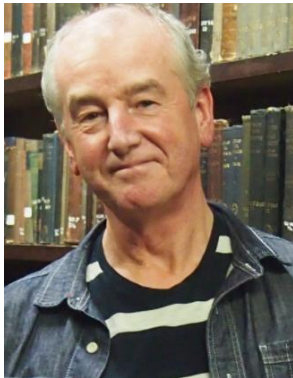
Born in Vienna, Eva Ibbotson came to England as a small girl. In her long career, she wrote many books across a whole range of genres. Possibly her three most famous books are *Which*, *The Secret of Platform 13* and *Journey to the River Sea*. From dramatic action to slow, romantic novels, Eva Ibbotson is a true great!



#### **Peter Bunzl**

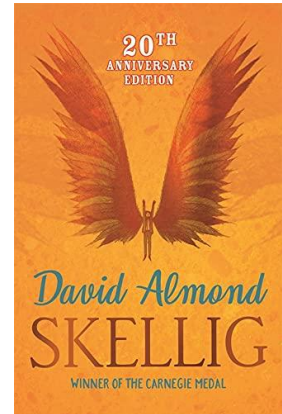
An author we hosted at Newfield in 2020 who is a brilliant choice for anyone who enjoys fantasy! His best-selling "Cog heart" series (consisting of four books) is a contemporary classic which is used in schools across the UK. His first book, *Cog heart* - published in 2016- was shortlisted for a whole host of awards, including the famous "Waterstones children's book prize." A great choice for fantastical, inquisitive and imaginative readers!





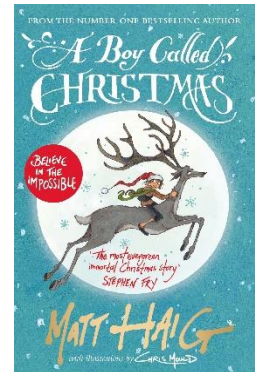
**David Almond**

A creative and hugely influential author, David Almond's books have gone on to sell thousands in his long career. With genres including action and magical fiction, Almond's most famous book is *Skellig*. The award-winning novel has been translated into over 40 languages and has even been made into a stage-play and a TV show! Today, Almond is a university lecturer but it still publishing books for children and young adults.



**Matt Haig**

Matt was born in 1975 in Sheffield and studied at Hull university before going on to write many famous books. A few of his most successful books are *The Midnight Library*, *Reasons to Stay Alive* and *A Boy Called Christmas*. He has written books for both adults and children, across a whole range of genres. He's definitely worth checking out; adults might also want to take a look at his extensive work!



**Christopher Edge**

Christopher Edge is an award-winning children's book author, whose books have been translated in over 20 different languages. Edge has written 12 books, including his first, *The Longest Night of Charlie Noon*. Christopher's first book was selected as *The Times Children's book of the Week* and described by the *Sunday Times*, 'as a heart-stopping adventure'. Christopher Edge is an outstanding children's book author; he is a great for children who like a bit of adventure!



**J.R.R Tolkien**

J.R.R Tolkien is one of the most famous authors of all time, writing a total of at least 25 books in his lifetime. His most famous and most adored book is *The Lord of The Rings*. You may have also heard of *The Hobbit*! Both of these have been made into films/TV shows over the years. If you like fantasy, action and adventure, a trip to *Middle-Earth* and Tolkien's fantastical writing might just be for you!

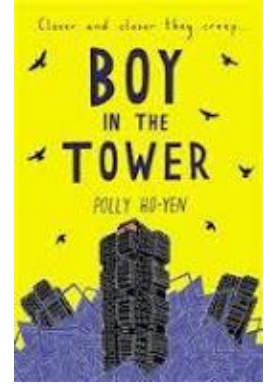






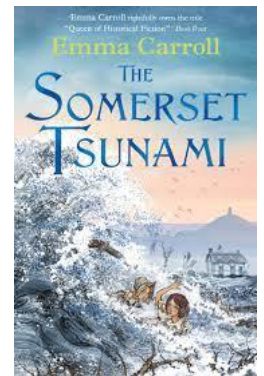
**Polly Ho-Yen**

If you want lots of cliff-hangers then this is the author for you! Polly's first fiction book was 'Boy in the Tower' which is about a boy called Ade who lives in a tower block when a building near him randomly falls. Luckily, no one is hurt but all the buildings around him keep on falling... Polly has currently written just three novels but they are all incredibly highly rated. With stories that are tense, action-packed and emotional, Polly Ho-Yen is an author to keep an eye on!



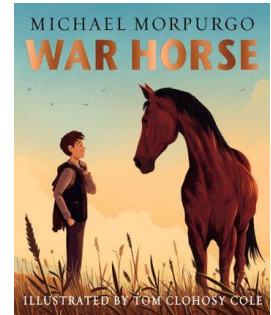
**Emma Carroll**

Emma Carroll was born on the 26 March 1970 and she started writing in the summer of 2009. Her first book was the award-winning Frost Hollow Hall. Her most recent book is entitled The Night at the Frost Fair. Emma Carrol writes across a number of different genres but her books normally include a wide range of fantasy and creative narratives!



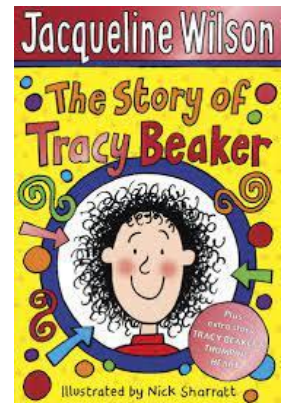
**Michael Morpurgo**

Michael Morpurgo was born on 5th October 1943. He is primarily an author of novels but has wrote many different things including poems and even playwright. One of the most famous contemporary children's authors, he has written over 100 books! Incredibly, before Michael authored books, he was a teacher! Michael Morpurgo is a simply fantastic choice for any reader in Year 5, 6 or 7!



**Jacqueline Wilson**

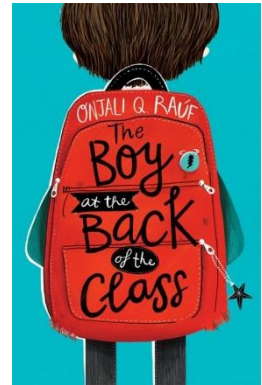
Jacqueline Wilson was born on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 1945; she has written over 100 books and they have been translated into over thirty languages. She began by writing crime fiction novels before she went on to writing children's books. Her most famous series is 'Tracy Beaker' following a ten-year-old girl living in a children's home. Jacqueline Wilson is a great author to read if you like comedy, drama and brilliant, realistic characters!





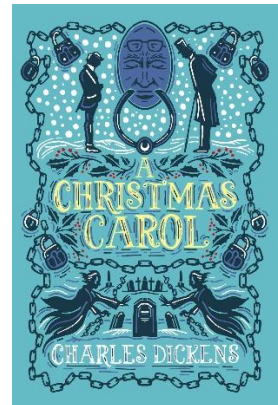
**Onjali Q Rauf**

Onjali Q Rauf is a best-selling English author and the founder of the NGO Making Herstory, a woman's rights organisation tackling the abuse and trafficking of women and girls in the UK and beyond. Rauf's *The Boy at the Back of the Class* is her most famous book; it's a touching but funny book about a young refugee boy, Ahmet, and the friendships he builds at his new school! A great, new author.



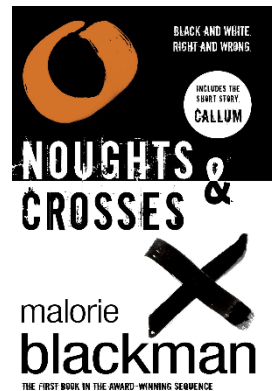
**Charles Dickens**

Charles Dickens was a writer and social critic who created some of the world's best-known fictional characters and is regarded as the greatest novelist of the Victorian era! Dickens has written many famous dramas, including some of the following you may have heard of: *Great Expectations*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Oliver Twist* and *A Tale of Two Cities*. His writing is sometimes hard to understand, but as one of the most famous writers of all time, he's one you just have to check out at some point!



**Malorie Blackman**

Malorie Blackman was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 1962; she has written more than 50 books for grown-ups and children alike! Her first book was 'Not So Stupid'; it came out in 1990 and was a book of short stories. She has also won lots of awards in her career, such as the Children's Book Award. Blackman writes in a range of genres, but some of her most successful novels are dramatic, full of intrigue and always exciting. A fantastic author to read as you near Secondary school!



**Abi Elphinstone**

Born in Scotland on June 24 1984, Abi Elphinstone was a curious girl that spent her childhood building dens and treehouses which helped in term build her imagination! She's also taught in London and as far as Africa too! If you like reading adventurous books, then this would be a perfect author for you! She even made one of her story book characters after her sister-in-law with down-syndrome as she learnt so much with her! A new and exciting author!

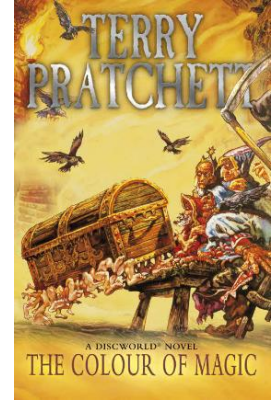






**Terry Pratchett**

Sadly no longer with us, Terry Pratchett is one of the most influential fantasy authors of the past few decades. He was aged 66 when he died in 2015. He is best known for his Discworld series of 41 novels. Pratchett's first novel, *The Carpet People*, was published in 1971. His books have been widely adapted for movies, TV shows and even on the stage. If you love fantasy, adventure and action, Pratchett would be a fantastic choice for you!



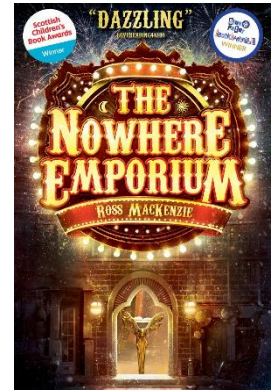
**Katherine Rundell**

Katherine Rundell is a world-wide famous author who in 2015 won both overall Waterstones best children's book prizes, a Blue Peter badge for the best story and was short listed for the Carnegie Medal! She was born in 1987 in Kent, England. *Rooftoppers* is her most/best-selling book and is studied in schools all across the UK. One of the most inventive and original authors of children's fiction writing today, Katherine Rundell is a superb choice for anyone looking for adventure!



**Ross McKenzie**

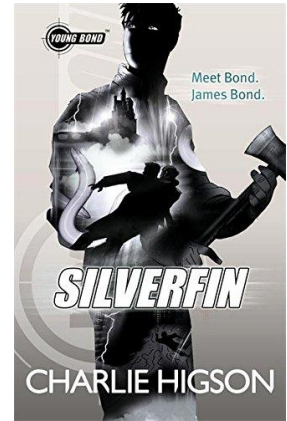
Ross McKenzie was born in Glasgow, Scotland. His most famous book today is definitely *The Nowhere Emporium* which won both the Blue Peter books awards and Scottish children's books award. It's a highly-acclaimed magical tale which is sure to intrigue! He scribbled his first "book" – an illustrated story about a hungry crocodile called Colin – in a smuggled school jotter when he was just seven! McKenzie is a hugely popular author due to his fantastical, adventure-driven narratives.





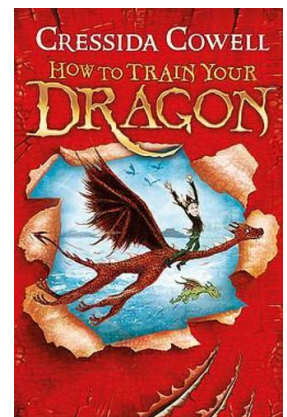
**Charlie Higson**

Charlie Higson was once an actor; he was in a comedy called *The Fast Show* (your parents might have heard of it!) but now he is writing books for children and adults alike. He wrote the phenomenally successful *Young Bond* series which has now sold over a million copies in the UK and has been translated into over 24 different languages. The series began with *SilverFin* and was followed by *Blood Fever*, *Double or Die*, *Hurricane Gold* and *By Royal Command*. All five novels entered the children's bestseller charts in the top five!



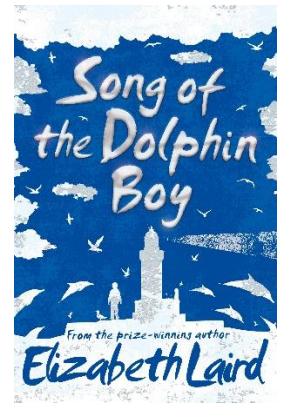
**Cressida Cowell**

Cressida Cowell is a very famous author who is most well-known for writing the *How to Train Your Dragon* series of books. As of 2015, the series has sold more than seven million copies around the world! Cowell has won many awards and has even been made an MBE by The Queen! Cressida Cowell's reputation as one of the most spellbinding children's authors around was confirmed by her richly deserved appointment as Waterstones Children's Laureate for 2019-2022!



**Elizabeth Laird**

Elizabeth Laird is a multi-award-winning children's author! Inspired often by her travels, Elizabeth has also written novels set in the UK, and several historical novels as well. She has won the Children's Book Award, been shortlisted six times for the CILIP Carnegie Medal, as well as every other major children's book award. She lives in Britain now, but still likes to travel as much as she can. Laird has written many, many books across a range of different genres, but you can always rest assured that her writing will be inventive and thought-provoking! A great choice!

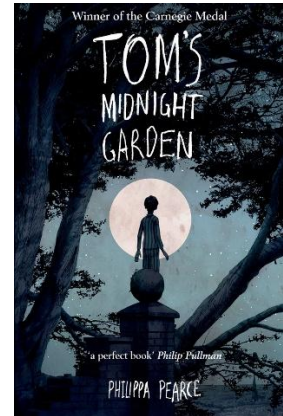






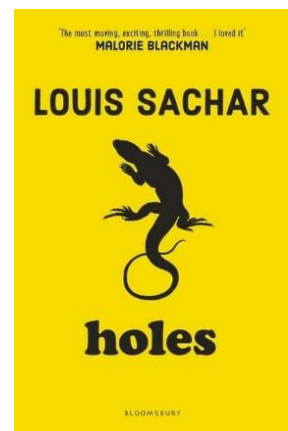
### **Phillipa Pearce**

Ann Philippa Pearce OBE was an English author of children's books. Her most famous work is the time-slip fantasy novel *Tom's Midnight Garden*, which won the 1958 Carnegie Medal from the Library Association. She wrote many other famous books *What the Neighbours Did* and *A Dog So Small*. *The Battle of Bubble and Squeak* won the Whitbread Award. In all Pearce wrote 30 books and she endures as one of England's most loved authors of fantasy and drama!



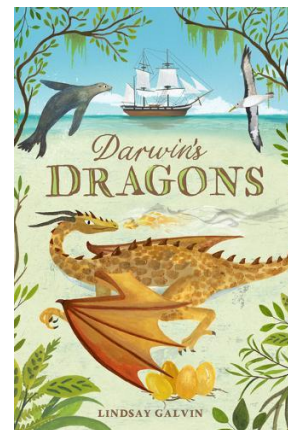
### **Louis Sachar**

Louis Sachar is an American young-adult mystery-comedy author. He is best known for the *Wayside School* series and the novel *Holes*. *Holes* won the 1998 U.S. National Book Award for Young People's Literature and the 1999 Newbery Medal for the year's "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children". *Holes* is studied in schools all across the UK, including at Newfield, and has been adapted into stage productions and even a film. Young readers are immediately attracted to Louis Sachar's novels for his great and unusual stories!



### **Lindsay Galvin**

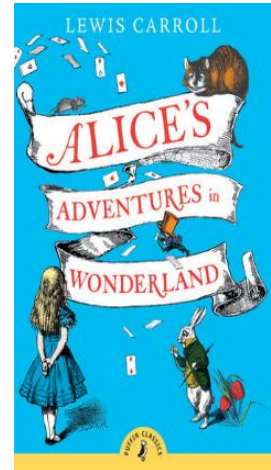
Interestingly, Galvin didn't enjoy writing as a child but ever since she wrote her first book 'The Secret Deep' she is completely hooked! Full of adventure and incredibly journeys, her first two books are brilliantly exciting and sure to entertain. Lindsay has a degree in English Language and Literature and is fascinated by psychology, history, and the natural world. When she isn't writing, teaching, mentoring or running writing courses, she can be found on long shoreside dog walks with her family, featuring the occasional sea swim!





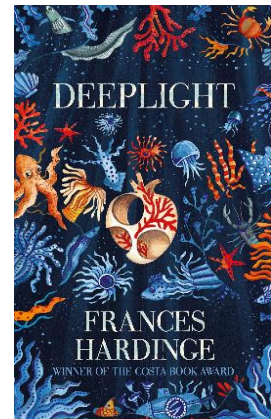
### **Lewis Carroll**

Lewis Carroll was born on January 27, 1832 and he died on January 14 1898. Lewis Carroll wrote the famous *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* which is so successful it has been translated into more than 70 languages! By the time of his death, *Alice* had become the most popular children's book in England, and by 1932, it was one of the most popular in the world! Interestingly though, "Lewis Carroll" had mixed feelings about his lasting fame as an author of children's stories. He preferred to think of himself as a man of science and mathematics who also happened to write nonsense!



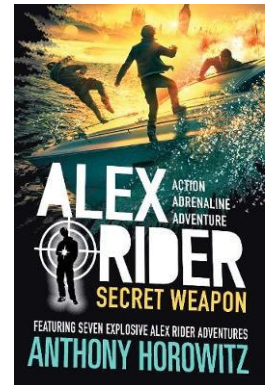
### **Frances Hardinge**

Frances Hardinge was born in Kent and is a children's British writer. Her debut novel, *Fly By Night*, won the 2006 Branford Boase Award and was listed as one of the School Library Journal Best Books, while her 2015 novel *The Lie Tree* won the 2015 Costa Book Award. Her reputation was cemented when Waterstones shortlisted her next novel, *A Skinful of Shadows*, for Waterstones Book of the Year. Her novel, *Deeplight*, was published in October 2019 and is brilliant! If you want to read a fantasy adventure stories, Frances Hardinge may be the author for you!



### **Anthony Horowitz**

Anthony Horowitz, OBE is an English novelist and screenwriter specialising in mystery and suspense. His works for young adult readers include *The Diamond Brothers* series, the *Alex Rider* series, and *The Power of Five* series. He has enjoyed huge success as a writer for both children and adults. In 2014 Anthony was awarded an OBE for Services to Literature. If you like action or thriller genres of writing, Anthony Horowitz might be a really good choice.

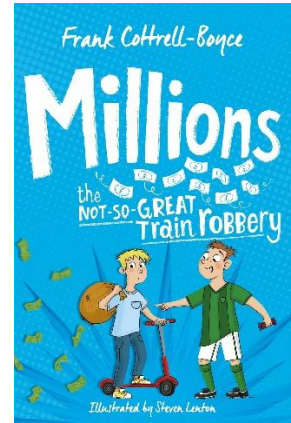






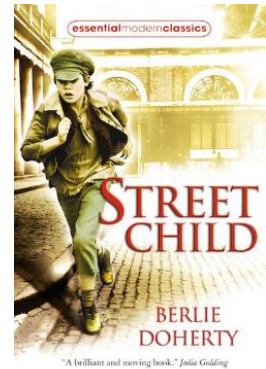
**Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Frank Cottrell Boyce is an accomplished, successful and award-winning author and screenwriter. His books have been shortlisted for a multitude of prizes, including the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Whitbread Children's Fiction Award (now the Costa Book Award) and the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and *Millions*, his debut children's novel, won the CILIP Carnegie Medal 2004! His second children's novel, *Framed*, was shortlisted for both the 2005 Carnegie Medal and the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year Award! If you like dram, comedy and action, Boyce might be worth checking out!



**Berlie Doherty**

Berlie Doherty is a distinguished writer for young people and twice winner of the prestigious Carnegie Medal for *Granny* was a *Buffer Girl* and *Dear Nobody*. A former teacher, Berlie Doherty has also worked in broadcasting and adult education. She has also written several books for adults and numerous plays for radio, theatre and television! Berlie Doherty is one of the UK's favourite children's authors. If you like drama and quite mature stories about growing-up, Doherty may be a good choice!



**Hilary McKay**

Hilary McKay is an award-winning children's writer; she has won two awards and one of them is the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize a one in a lifetime book award judged by a panel of British children's writers. Hilary McKay's *Fairy Tales* was her first book with Macmillan Children's Books and is a critically acclaimed collection of clever retellings. She normally writes novels for children/young adults, which are popular for their lively sense of humour, and often involve eccentric families!





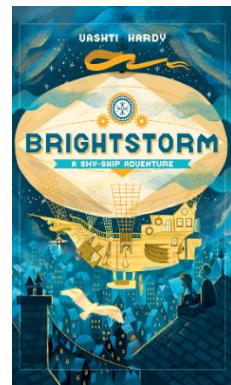
### Phillip Reeve

Phillip Reeve (born 28 February 1966) is a British author and illustrator of children's books, primarily known for the 2001 book *Mortal Engines* and its sequel. Believe it or not, Reeve actually visited Newfield Park a few years ago to talk about a new children's book he was writing; he was very creative! The Daily Telegraph newspaper described his *Mortal Engines* novel as, "Marvellous... utterly captivating in its imaginative scope and energy!" It's since been made into a 'Hollywood' film!



### Vashti Hardy

Vashti Hardy is an award-winning writer of children's books. She was a primary school teacher for several years and has a special interest in children's writing. *Wildspark* won the Blue Peter Book Award 'Best Story' in 2020 and the FCBG Children's Book Awards and *Brightstorm* was shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, Books are My Bag Awards, among others. Amazing! Full of mystery, intrigue and suspense, her books are brilliant for YA (young adult) readers!

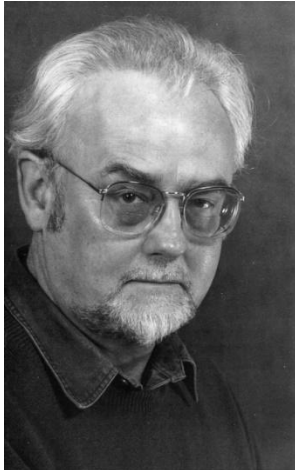


### RJ Palacio

Born on 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1963, Raquel Jaramillo Palacio is an American author and graphic designer. She is the author of several novels for children, including the best-selling *Wonder*, which was adapted into a 2017 film starring Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson. Palacio began her career as an art director and graphic designer. She lives in New York City with her family and a black dog called Bear. Her debut novel, *Wonder*, has been on the New York Times bestseller list since March, 2012, and has sold over 5 million copies worldwide. The book's message of kindness has inspired the Choose Kind movement, and has been embraced by readers, young and old, around the world.







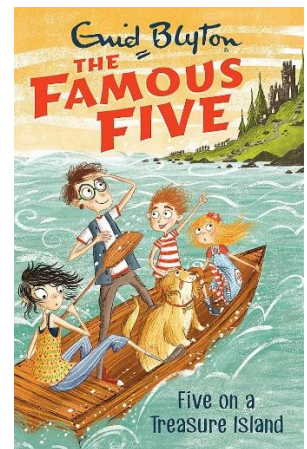
### **Robert Swindells**

Robert E. Swindells is an English author of children's and young adult fiction. For the young-adult novel *Stone Cold*, which dealt with homelessness, he won the annual Carnegie Medal from the Library Association. Robert bases his books of what he has experienced in his life, for example *Stone Cold* was when he lived in the back streets of London where he was homeless for three nights. His challenging, widely acclaimed novels often reflect his political passions, such as *Brother In The Land*, which is set in the aftermath of a nuclear war – grown-up stuff!



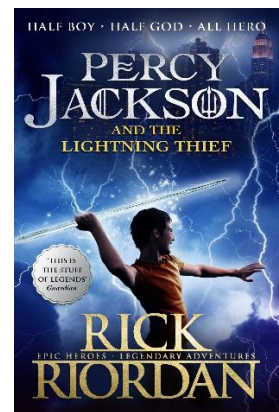
### **Enid Blyton**

Enid Mary Blyton was an English children's writer whose books have been among the world's best-sellers since the 1930s, selling more than 600 million copies. Blyton's books are still enormously popular, and have been translated into 90 languages! In addition to her writing, she invested a lot of energy and time in fundraising for charity. She encouraged thousands of her young fans to do the same, through special clubs she set up! With over 700 titles published, Enid Blyton's stories remain timeless classics, adored by children throughout the world.



### **Rick Riordan**

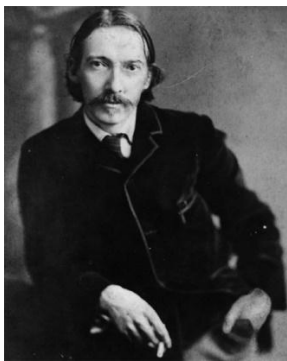
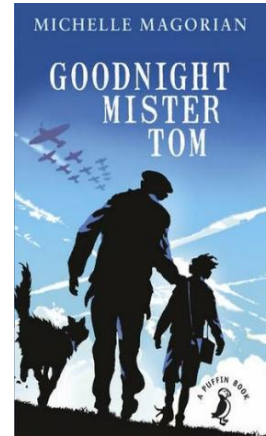
Rick Riordan is an award-winning mystery, fantasy and science-fiction writer. Having worked as a middle school teacher for fifteen years, Rick now writes full time and lives in Texas with his wife and two sons. He is primarily known for writing the *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* series, about a teenager named Percy Jackson who discovers he is a son of the Greek god Poseidon! "A fantastic blend of myth and modern. Rick Riordan takes the reader back to the stories we love, then shakes the cobwebs out of them." Check him out!





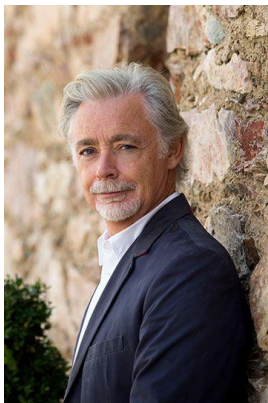
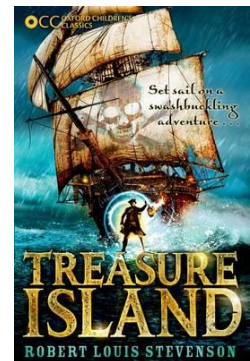
**Michelle Magorian**

Michelle Magorian is an English author of children's books. She is best known for her first novel, *Goodnight Mister Tom*, which won the 1982 Guardian Prize for British children's books and has been adapted several times for screen or stage. Magorian loves the research and the writing in equal measure but particularly loves writing dialogue. You are sure to enjoy her wonderful writing and experience the roller-coaster of emotions you'll get from reading a Michelle Magorian novel.



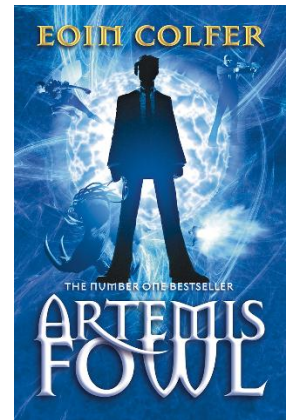
**Robert Louis Stevenson**

Robert Louis Stevenson was a Scottish novelist, essayist, poet and travel writer. He is best known for works such as *Treasure Island*, *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* and *Kidnapped*. *Treasure Island*, in particular, is a wonderful read for older children and has inspired countless books, films and television shows. He's an excellent choice if you want challenging, exciting fiction!



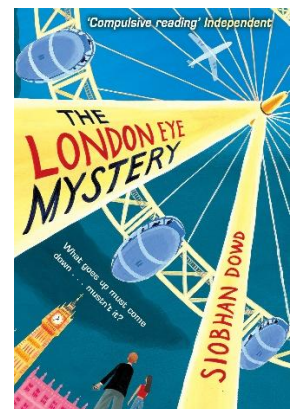
**Eoin Colfer**

Eoin Colfer is an Irish author of children's books. He worked as a primary school teacher before he became a full-time writer. He is best known for being the author of the *Artemis Fowl* series, which was named the public's favourite Puffin Classic of all time. Apart from the hugely successful *Artemis Fowl* series, his books include *The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World*, *And another thing....* and his most recent adventure novel *W.A.R.P: The Reluctant Assassin!* A brilliant choice if you like action and adventure!



**Siobhan Dowd**

Siobhan Dowd was a British writer and activist. The last book she completed, *Bog Child*, posthumously won the 2009 Carnegie Medal from the professional librarians, recognising the year's best book for children or young adults published in the UK. Siobhan was a writing phenomenon: discovering that she was fatally ill, she put pen to paper and produced four of the most remarkable novels for children you could wish for! *The London Eye Mystery*, first released in 2007, is a particularly wonderful novel full of secrecy!







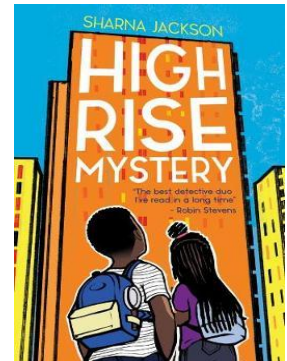
**Sita Brahmachari**

Sita Brahmachari won the Waterstones Children's Book Prize with her debut *Artichoke Hearts* and is one of the most interesting and important voices in children's books today. Her latest novel, *Tender Earth* was awarded an honour by the International Board of Books for Young People. She was even the 2015 Booktrust's Writer in Residence! Most of her books are suitable for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.



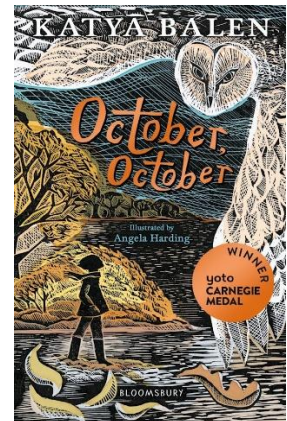
**Sharna Jackson**

Currently shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Prize for her debut novel *High-Rise Mystery*, she is also the Southbank Centre's *Imagine A Story* author for 2020, and the writer of *Tate Kids British Art Activity Book* and *Tate Kids Modern Art Activity Book*! An upcoming author, Jackson has only written two novels so far but is already highly regarded. *High-Rise Mystery* is full of intrigue and action; go check it out!



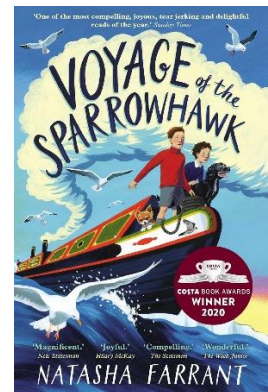
**Katya Balen**

Katya Balen's *"October, October"* won the Carnegie prize and features an eleven-year-old protagonist who finds solace in new relationships and the joys of mudlarking after being forced to leave her beloved woods for London. Balen's books often explore themes of nature and personal growth, making them appealing to young readers in primary and potentially for some children in Key Stage 3. Balen's book *"The Thames and Tide Club"* is for slightly younger leaders (perhaps Year 5) but is the same, adventurous style.



**Natasha Farrant**

Natasha Farrant's *"Voyage of the Sparrowhawk"* is a thoroughly enjoyable novel about a girl and boy traveling to France on a narrowboat after World War One. Her latest book, *"The Rescue of Ravenwood,"* emphasizes the importance of friendship and environmental themes, making her stories both entertaining and meaningful. Farrant's writing often combines historical settings with compelling characters – very suitable for children in Years 5 and 6.





**Helena Duggan**

Helena Duggan is an award-winning children's author from Kilkenny, Ireland, known for her imaginative and adventurous stories. Her bestselling trilogy, which includes "A Place Called Perfect," "The Trouble with Perfect," and "The Battle for Perfect," has captivated young readers with its unique blend of mystery and fantasy. Duggan's latest series, "The Light Thieves," explores eco/tech adventures and has received rave reviews; she actually visited Newfield a few years ago and showed us this book!

