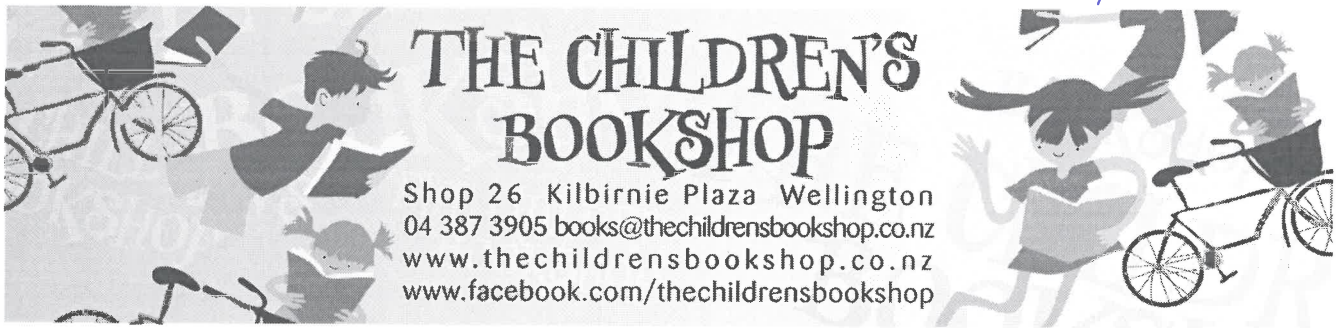


child ages 5-8



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Suggested Reading list ages 5 to 8

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Series

Geronimo Stilton
Hey Jack
Elephant and Piggie
Mercy Watson
Captain Underpants
Don't Look Now
Sophie
My Happy Life
Clarice Bean (novels)
Pearlie
Rainbow Fairies
Judy Moody
Billie B Brown
Ivy and Bean
Violet Mackerel
Alice Miranda
Clementine Rose
Milly Molly Mandy
How to Train Your Dragon
Dinosaur Rescue
Dragon Knight
Nanny Piggins
Zac Power
Chook Dolan
Famous Five
Faraway Tree
Pippi Longstocking
The Moomintrolls
Anne of Green Gables
Little House
Marvin Redpost

Thea Stilton Geronimo Stilton
Sally Rippon
Mo Willems
Kate diCamillo
Dav Pilkey
Paul Jennings
Dick King Smith
Rose Lagercrantz
Lauren Child
Wendy Harmer
Daisy Meadows
Megan McDonald
Sally Rippon
Annie Barrows
Anna Brandford
Jacqueline Harvey
Jacqueline Harvey
Joyce Lankaster Brisley
Cressida Cowell
Kyle Mewburn/Donovan Bixley
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R A Spratt
H I Lary
James Roy
Enid Blyton
Enid Blyton
Astrid Lindgren
Tove Janssen
LM Montgomery
Laura Inglis Wilder
Louis Sachar

child ages 5-8

Diary of a Rugby Champ, Cricket God, Soccer Star, Golf Pro, Super Swimmer, Taekwondo Master, Basketball Star, Track and Field Titan, Tennis Prodigy – Shamini Flint
The Bad Book, The Very Bad Book, The Treehouse series, The Just series - Andy Griffiths
The Twits, George's Marvellous Medicine, Esio Trot, The Magic Finger, Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl
Sleepovers, The Mum Minder, Lizzie Zipmouth - Jacqueline Wilson
Chance of a Lifetime, Reality Check, Pushed to the Limit, Standing Tall (rugby) – Israel Folau

Stand Alone

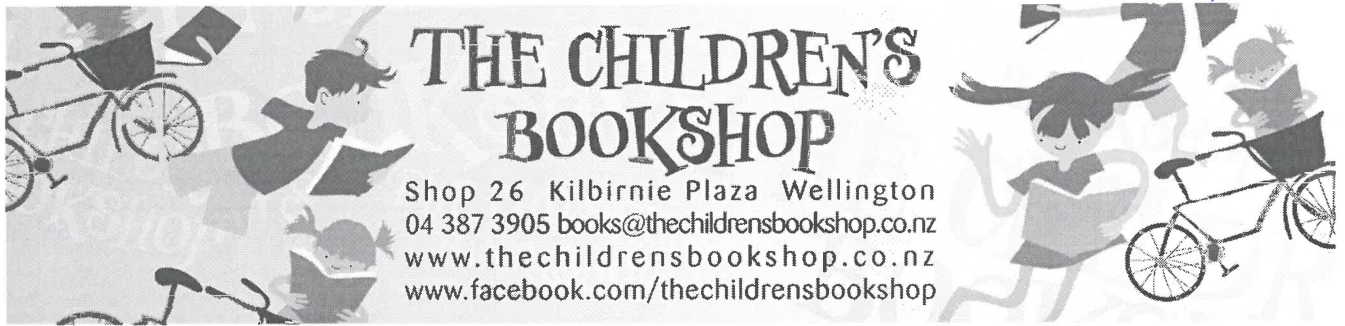
The Iron Man	Ted Hughes
The Tale of Desperaux	Kate diCamillo
Because of Winn Dixie	Kate diCamillo
Flora and Ulysses	Kate diCamillo
Tiger Rising	Kate diCamillo
The Tale of Desperaux	Kate diCamillo
Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate diCamillo
The Waterhorse	Dick King-Smith
Sheep Pig	Dick King-Smith
The Adventures of Miss Petitfour	Anne Michaels
Snake and Lizard	Joy Cowley
One Dog and his Boy	Eva Ibbotson
Lucy Willow	Sally Gardner
The Great Piratical Rumbustification	Margaret Mahy

New Zealand

Scrap series	Vince Ford
Johnny Danger series	Peter Millet
Lily the Elf series	Elizabeth Pulford
Diary of a Pukeko/Frog/Bat/Sea Lion	Sally Sutton
Frankie Potts series	Juliet Jacka
How I Alienated My Grandma	Suzanne Main
Jack the Viking	Melinda Syzmanik
Iris's Ukelele	Kathryn Taylor
Super Finn	Leonie Agnew
The Night of the Perigree Moon	Juliet Jacka

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For 9-12 year olds



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Suggested Reading list ages 9 to 12

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New Zealand

The "O" trilogy	Maurice Gee
Under The Mountain	Maurice Gee
Journey to Tangiwai	David Hill
See Ya Simon	David Hill
The Runaway Settlers	Elsie Locke
The Whale Rider	Whiti Ihimaera
Juggling With Mandarins	VM Jones
The Silent One	Joy Cowley
Kaitangita Twitch	Margaret Mahy
Slide the Corner	Fleur Beale
I am Not Esther/ I Am Rebecca/ Being Magdalene	Fleur Beale (age 12)
Monkey Boy	Donovan Bixley
Road to Ratenburg	Joy Cowley
Night Vision	Ella West
Red Rocks	Rachel King
The Winning Touch	David Hill
My Brother's War	David Hill (age 12)
Enemy Camp	David Hill (age 12)
No Safe Harbour	David Hill
The Flea Thing	Brian Falkner
Dunger	Joy Cowley
Uncle Trev and The Whistling Bull	Jack Lasenby
The Tales of Fontania series (4 titles)	Barbara Else
Winter 1939	Melinda Szymanik

Popular authors

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, The BFG, James and the Giant Peach, Matilda, Boy (Dahl's autobiography), Danny the Champion of The World. – **Roald Dahl**

Elephant in The Garden, Private Peaceful, Alone on the Wide Wide Sea, Kensuke's Kingdom, Wreck of the Zanzibar, Shadow, Sparrow, Eagle in The Snow, A Medal for Leroy, Listen to the Moon, Outlaw, War Horse - **Michael Morpurgo**

The Boy in Striped Pyjamas; Stay Where You Are and Then Leave; Boy at the Top of the Mountain (age 12) – **John Boyne**

Rent a Bridesmaid; Hetty Feather quartet; Bed and Breakfast Star, Double Act, The Suitcase Kid, Vicky Angel, Dustbin Baby – **Jacqueline Wilson**

The World's Worst Children; Grandpa's Great Escape; Awful Auntie; Mr Stink; The Demon Dentist; Ratburger; Gangsta Granny; Billionaire Boy; The Boy in The Dress - **David Walliams**

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Holes; Dogs Don't Tell Jokes; There's A Boy in the Girls' Bathroom - **Louis Sachar**

Sputnik's Guide to Life on Earth; The Astounding Broccoli Boy; Millions; Cosmic; Framed - **Frank Cottrell Boyce**

The Secret of Platform 13; Monster Mission; One Dog & His Boy; The Great Ghost Rescue; Dial a Ghost; Journey to the River Sea; Star of Kazan; The Dragonfly Pool - **Eva Ibbotson**

Series

Alice Miranda (14 titles)	Jacqueline Harvey
Toad Rage (5 titles)	Morris Gleitzman
Middle School	James Patterson
Percy Jackson	Rick Riordan
Skulduggery Pleasant	Derek Landy
Harry Potter	JK Rowling
Narnia	CS Lewis
Ranger's Apprentice series	John Flanagan
Once (5 titles)	Morris Gleitzman
The Land of Stories	Chris Colfer

Child investigators

Phyllis Wong series	Geoffrey McSkimming
Friday Barnes series	R A Spratt
Verity Sparks series	Susan Green
Murder Most Unladylike series	Robin Stevens
Young Sherlock series	Andrew Lane
The Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz
CHERUB Series (age 12+)	Robert Muchamore

Classics

The Cay	Theodore Taylor
The Silver Sword	Ian Serrallier
I Am David	Anne Holm
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell
The Giver	Lois Lowry (age 12)
Hatchet	Gary Paulsen
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian
Emil and the Detectives	Erik Kastner
Stig of the Dump	Clive King
Pippi Longstocking trilogy	Astrid Lindgren

Real Life Heroines

Chinese Cinderella	Adeleine Yen Mah
The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank
Hope in A Ballet Shoe	Michaela DuPrince
Soul Surfer	Bethany Hamilton
Malala (Young Readers edition)	Malala Yousefzai

Humour

Wimpy Kid series	Jeff Kinney
Timmy Failure series	Stephan Pastis
Big Nate series	Lincoln Peirce.
Tom Gates series	Liz Pichon
Scat/ Hoot/Flush	Carl Hiaasen

Scary

Coraline; The Graveyard Book	Neil Gaiman
Serafina & the Black Cloak; Serafina & the Twisted Scarf	Robert Beatty

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