

Recommended Reading List for Children Preparing for the 11+ Exams

Name of Book	Name of Author	Usually Preferred by
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell	Girls
The Flour Babies, Madame Doubtfire	Anne Fine	Both
I Am David	Anne Holm	Both
Granny, Alex Rider series, Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz	Boys
Swallows and Amazons and other books in this series	Arthur Ransome	Both
Redwall series	Brian Jacques	Boys
All of the Narnia Series starting with The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S Lewis	Both
Nancy Drew mysteries	Carolyn Keene	Both
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens	Both
The Water Babies	Charles Kingsley	Both
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Both
Stig of the Dump	Clive King	Both
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	D Adams	Both
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe	Both
The Crowstarver, The Sheep Pig	Dick-King Smith	Both
The Railway Children, The Phoenix and the Carpet, Five Children and It, The Wouldbegoods, The Treasure Seekers	E. Nesbit	Both
Charlotte's Web	E.B. White	Both

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Pollyanna	Eleanor H. Porter	Girls
The Little White Horse	Elizabeth Goudge	Both
Artemis Fowl series of books	Eoin Colfer	Boys
Emil and the Detectives	Erich Kästner	Boys
The Star of Kazan	Eva Ibbotson	Both
The Secret Garden, A Little Princess	Frances Hodgson Burnett	Both
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Both
My family and Other Animals, Birds, Beasts and Relatives, A Zoo in my Luggage, Encounters with Animals	Gerald Durrell	Both
The Time Machine	H.G. Wells	Both
Ingo adventures series of books	Helen Dunmore	Both
Dr Dolittle	Hugh Lofting	Both
The Silver Sword	Ian Serraillier	Both
Harry Potter series of books	J.K. Rowling	Both
The Lord of the Rings (3 books: The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, The Return of the King) , The Hobbit	J.R.R Tolkein	Both
All Creatures Great and Small	James Herriot	Both
Children of the Red King series of books (Charlie Bone)	Jenny Nimmo	Both
The Penderwicks	Jeanne Birdsall	Both
Wolves of Willoughby Chase series	Joan Aiken	Both

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Heidi	Johanna Spyri	Girls
Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne	Both
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	Both
Journey to the Centre of the Earth, Around the World in 80 days	Jules Verne	Both
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane	Kate DiCamillo	Both
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Graham	Both
Little House on the Prairie, Little House in the Big Woods	Laura Ingalls Wilder	Girls
The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey,	Lee Trenton Stewart	Both
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carrol	Both
Holes	Louis Sachar	Both
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott	Girls
Anne of Green Gables and other books in this series	Lucy Montgomery	Girls
Noughts and Crosses Trilogy, Tell Me No Lies, Thief, Pig Heart Boy	Malorie Blackman	Both
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	Mark Haddon	Both
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	Both

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The Borrowers and other books in this series	Mary Norton	Both
The Butterfly Lion, War Horse, From Hereabout Hill, Why the Whales Came	Michael Morpurgo	Both
Carrie's War	Nina Bawden	Both
Ballet Shoes, White Boots	Noel Stretford	Girls
The Snow Goose, Scruffy	Paul Gallico	Both
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philipa Pearce	Both
Coral Island	R.M. Ballantyne	Both
Watership Down	Richard Adams	Both
Just William books	Richmal Crompton	Boys
The BFG, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Giant Peach	Roald Dahl	Both
Treasure Island, Kidnapped	Robert Louis Stevenson	Both
Mrs Frisby and the Rats of Nimh series of books	Robert O'Brian	Both
Jungle Book, Just So Stories	Rudyard Kipling	Both
The Lost World, Sherlock Holmes, The Hound of the Baskervilles	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	Both
A Series of Unfortunate Events series of books	Snicket Lemony	Both
What Katy Did series	Susan Coolidge	Girls
The Sword in the Stone	T.H. White	Both

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How the Whale Became, The Iron Man	Ted Hughes	Both
The Fire Thief Fights Back	Terry Deary	Both
Lord of the Flies	Willam Golding	Both
The Life of Pi	Yan Martel	Both