

5-7 year-olds – recommended summer reading

Where the Wild Things are – Maurice Sendak

The Cat in the Hat – Dr Seuss

The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch – Ronda and David Armitage

Stickman – Julia Donaldson

The Book with No Pictures – B.J. Novak

Hairy Maclary series – Lynley Dodd

The Midnight Adventures of Ruru and Kiwi – Clare Scott

Animalia – Graeme Base

The Best Loved Bear – Diana Noonan

The Wonky Donkey – Craig Smith

The Bomb – Sacha Cotter

Nanny Mihi and the Bellbird – Melanie Drewery

The Smelly Giant – Kurahau

Marmaduke Duck series – Juliette MacIver

The Three Bears (Sort of) – Yvonne Morrison

The Cat from Muzzle – Sally Sutton

Grandpa's Slippers – Joy Watson

Weka's Waiata – Nikki Slade Robinson

I am Jellyfish – Ruth Paul

Kuwi's First Egg – Kat Merewether

The Witch in the Cherry Tree – Margaret Mahy

That's Not a Hippopotamus – Juliette MacIver

8-10 year-olds – recommended summer reading

Fantastic Mr Fox – Roald Dahl

Geronimo Stilton Series – Elisabetta Dami

Pippi Longstocking – Astrid Lindgren

Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo

Trumpet of the Swan – E.B. White

Ramona series – Beverly Cleary

Any of the Jacqueline Wilson books – there's a lot!

Captain Underpants series – Dav Pilkey

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series – Jeff Kinney

The 13 Storey Treehouse series – Andy Griffiths

Any of the Holly Webb books – animal stories

Ella and Olivia series - Yvette Poshoglian

10-12 year-olds – recommended summer reading

The Cay – Theodore Taylor

I am David - Ann Holm

Waiting for Anya – Michael Morpurgo

Crispin – Avi

The Narnia Chronicles – C.S. Lewis

The Hobbit – JRR Tolkien

Any of the Michael Morpurgo books

“I Survived” series – Lauren Tarshis

The World’s Worst Children – David Walliams

Scarlet and Ivy series – Sophie Cleverly

James Patterson’s Middle School series