

Cambridgeshire Teachers' Favourite Books (from Reading for Purpose & Pleasure at Key Stage 2)

Title	Publisher	ISBN	Age (approx)	Other details/comments
Groosham Grange by Anthony Horowitz	Walker	0-7445-8344-6	10-11	Antidote to post - Potter syndrome but in a style of it's own - gripping!
Why? by Nikolai Popov	North-South books	1-55858-996-1	All KS2	No words. Totally inclusive. Links to History/PHSE. Stimulates questions, discussion and thinking.
The Jolly Christmas Postman	Heinemann	0-434-92532-2	All KS2	Good read, lots to do.
Gorilla by Anthony Browne	Walker	0-744-59997-0	KS2	Works on different levels. Pictures, text, themes appeal to the imagination!
Why The Whales Came by Michael Morpurgo	Egmont	0-7497-4693-9	KS2	Read out loud to class Y5. Too advanced for most readers to read independently. Enjoyed by majority.
Beano Annual 2002		0-851-16772-1	KS2	Most popular choice for boys from class bookshelf Y5.
Children of the Voice Ishmael (Ian Smale)	Kingsway	0-86065-818-X	High Y2 - Adult (Mainly KS2)	Works on so many different levels for different ages - challenges older readers in a different way, fast moving and very enjoyable.
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl	Puffin		KS2	
BFG by Roald Dahl	Puffin	0-14-031597-7	KS2	
Horrid Henry	Dolphin	1-85881-07-0	KS1-KS2	Good black/white pictures. Appeal to reluctant readers - especially boys.
Skellig by David Almond			KS2	Boys really enjoy it.
Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo	Monmouth	0-7497-3639-9	KS2	Beautifully written - children responded to the theme of friendship.
Secret Garden by F Hodgson Burnett			KS2	Links with all sorts of literacy skills/aspect.
Trumpet of the Swan by E B White			KS2	A Swan learns to play a trumpet - appeals to all.
The Dancing Bear by Michael Morpurgo		0-00-674511-3	7-10	Can be read in a week's Literacy slot! Children became quite emotional at end of story.
Series of Unfortunate Events by			KS2	Children enjoy the characters and

Lemony Snickett				adventures - 10 books so, lots of children can read them!
'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman			KS2	Humour and adventure and different genres.
The Witches by Roald Dahl			KS2	Children enjoyed language used. Good for character study.
Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Graeme	Puffin	0-14-036685-7	KS2	
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by C S Lewis	Picture Lions	0-00-711724-8	KS2	
Krindlekrax	Red Fox	0-09-997920-9	Y5/6	Great characters and a very clever plot
Traction Man is Here Mini Grey	Red Fox	0-224-06495-9	KS2	Picture book-multi layered - fun super hero genre
Caroline Neil Gaiman	Bloomsbury	0-7475-6210-5	Y5/6	Very Scary and strange. Some elements of fairy tale.
All the best selected poems of Roger McGough	Puffin	0-141-31637-3	KS2	Great selection from thought provoking
Saffy's Angel H McKay	Hodder		Y5/6	Humerous, Bitter-sweet, theme of adoption/fitting in