

## SUGGESTED READINGS 6ème/5ème

*Some of these books can be found in your CDI; others can be found at Fahasa or from internet booksellers. Your Literature teacher can help you to choose as well.*

***Purple Hibiscus***, Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche: A young girl's difficult life in Nigeria.

***The Fire Eaters***, David Almond: A young boy in the North East of England becomes fascinated by the dramatic stunts of a street performer which become a thrilling distraction from his unhappy life at a grammar school dominated by bullying teachers

***Bog Child***, Siobhan Dowd: Fergus and his uncle find the body of a child whilst digging for peat. As Fergus tries to make sense of the mad world around him, a little voice comes to him in his dreams, and the mystery of the bog child unfurls.

***Ruby Red***, Linzi Glass: Set in South Africa at the time of apartheid, this is a story of forbidden first love.

***The Storm Garden***, Philip Gross: Clio gets mixed up with the mysterious Max who may or may not be involved in a terrorist bombing.

***Unreliable Memoirs***, Clive James: Memoirs of a childhood in Australia. Very funny.

***The Poisonwood Bible***, Barbara Kingsolver: An American father takes his family to deepest Africa. Chaos ensues... Different narrators make this a fascinating story.

***The Other Side of the Truth***, Beverley Naidoo (Carnegie Winner) Two Nigerian children are forced to flee their home because of their father's opposition to a corrupt government.

***The Knife of Never Letting Go***, Patrick Ness: Imagine a world in which everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming, never-ending Noise. There is no privacy. There are no secrets. Or are there? Todd finds something odd and now he's going to have to *run*...

***Tamar***, Mal Peet: Wonderful adventure/mystery set in the present and in war torn Holland. (Carnegie Winner)

***Pirates***, Celia Rees: Set in 18th century, a young woman is sent to the West Indies to marry. She runs off with an escaped slave and they become pirates...

***Series of Unfortunate Events***, Lemony Snicket: series of children novels following the turbulent lives of Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire after their parents' death in a fire.

***The Jungle Book***, Rudyard Kipling: the story of Mowgli, who is raised in the jungle by wolves.

***Black Beauty***, Anna Sewell: first-person memoir told by Black Beauty, a horse, in England.

***The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn***, Mark Twain: focuses on the life of a destitute vagabond child, Huck Finn and his encounter with Jim, a fugitive slave.

***The Chronicles of Narnia***, C. S. Lewis: a series of fantasy novels, set in the fictional realm of Narnia, a world of magic, mythical creatures and talking animals.

***Treasure Island***, R. L. Stevenson: an adventure novel, narrating a tale of bucaneeers and buried gold.

***Little Women***, Louisa May Alcott: follows the lives of four sisters—Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy March—detailing their passage from childhood to womanhood.

***Refugee Boy***, Benjamin Zephaniah: a book about Alem Kelo, a 14-year-old refugee from Ethiopia and Eritrea

***Millions***, Frank Cottrell Boyce: Two brothers, Damian and Anthony, are unwittingly caught up in a train robbery.

**Holes**, Louis Sachar: Stanley Yelnats IV is a 14-year-old boy from a hard-working but poor family, allegedly affected by a curse of bad luck.

**The Secret Diary of Adrian Moles**, Sue Townsend: It's tough being a teenage intellectual.

**The Accidental Prime Minister**, Tom McLaughlin: Grown-ups have had their turn at running things, and let's face it, they've been rubbish! It's time that a kid was in charge.

**The Private Blog of Joe Cowley**, Ben Davies: The brilliantly funny and cringe-worthy secret blog of 14-year-old Joe Cowley

**One Dog and his Boy**, Eva Ibbotsen: Hal's parents don't tell him that the clever puppy he chooses is not his for life, but only for the weekend! Hal and Fleck must find a way to be together.

**Stormbreaker**, Anthony Horowitz: 14 year-old Alex Rider finds his life turned upside down on discovering that his late uncle wasn't a mild-mannered banker, but instead a field agent for MI6.

**Butterfly Summer**, Anne-Marie Conway: During a hot summer in a new home, Becky discovers a secret her mum has been keeping from her.

**Mr Stink**, David Walliams: Unpopular, lonely Chloe is overshadowed by her disgustingly talented sister.

**Angus, Thongs and Full Frontal Snogging**, Louise Rennison: Georgia (14) worries about the size of her nose, her mad cat, and how she can win the love of handsome Robbie.

**Shadow**, Michael Morpurgo: This book tells the story of an Afghan asylum seeker: the perils he faced in his homeland, the dog who led him to safety, and the fight to have him released from an immigration removal centre.

**I'd tell you I love you but then I'd have to kill you**, Ally Carter:

As a new student at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

**Hatchet**, Gary Paulsen: on his way to visit his father in Canada, Brian Robeson's plane crashes in the Great Canadian Shield and must learn to survive on his own.

**The Chinese Cinderella**, Adeline Yen Mah: tells the secret story of an unwanted daughter during WWII in China.

**Born to Run**, Michael Morpurgo: The story of a greyhound pup, from his rescue from a sack in a canal through his days as a racing champion to life as a dog on a barge.

**Grandpa's Great Escape**, David Walliams: An exquisite portrait of the bond between a small boy and his beloved Grandpa

**The Book Thief**, Marcus Zusak: 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier. Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street.

**The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips**, Michael Morpurgo: A heart-warming tale of courage and warmth, set against the backdrop of the second world war,

**The Sweep's Boy**, Jim Eldridge: It's 1870 when the Workhouse Master hires Will out as a chimney sweep's boy

**My Sister's Keeper**, Jodie Picoult: Thirteen-year old Anna was conceived to provide bone marrow for her leukaemia suffering sister Kate

**The Weight of Water**, Sarah Crossan: Kasienka and her mother arrive in England with a suitcase. Life is hard, friends are scarce, but then someone special swims into her life.

**Coraline**, Neil Gaiman: When Coraline steps through a door in her family home she finds herself in another house that's strangely similar.

**Out of the Dust**, Karen Hesse: the story of fourteen-year-old Billie Jo's struggle to survive during the dust bowl years of the Great Depression.

**Inside Out and Back Again**, Thanhha Lai: the story of a girl during the Vietnam War.