

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.