

Recommended Reads Year 1



The following list includes books which all fall into the 5-7 age range so would be perfect for Year 1. Most of these books are available to listen to for free on Amazon Kindle or to purchase. Happy reading...

Book Cover	Title	Author	A Brief Guide
Michael Rose Jelly Boots Swelly Boots	Jelly Boots Smelly Boots	Michael Rosen & David Tazzyman	A riotous celebration of words - silly words, funny words, words you only use in your own family, new words, old words, and the very best words in the right order. Melon Melon squashy, melon sloshy. My friend Helen's eating melon. So far, so good with Helen and her melon. But here's what I'm tellin' Helen: 'Don't SIT on your melon, Helen!' Filled with colour illustrations and packed with silly rhymes, witty wordplay and thought-provoking story poems, this collection will delight children of all ages.
ADA TWIST, SCIENTIST AGE By June 2 Deed Below	Ada Twist Scientist	Andrea Beaty & David Roberts	Ada has a boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. What would you do with a problem like this? Not afraid of failure, Ada embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble!
TinoSAer Supermarke	Dinosaurs in the Supermarket Books which follow in the series: Dinosaurs in my School	Timothy Knapman & Sarah Warburton	There's a T. rex gobbling sausages, a Stegosaurus spilling beans! A Diplodocus in the frozen peas fills the aisles with greens! For one little boy, a trip to the supermarket is turned upside down when a band of dinosaurs wreak havoc in the aisles. Can he convince the dinosaurs to behave? Who will mop up the mess? A hilarious new picture book from a bestselling author and illustrator team.
Princes Activalt	Primrose	Alex T Smith	When you're a princess, you can do whatever you like. Or can you? Life for Princess Primrose is rather dull because she's not allowed to climb trees, dig up muddy vegetables or even splash in the fountain. Everyone in the royal household is properly proper, and Primrose longs to have some serious FUN. But things take a turn for the better when Primrose's Grandmama comes for a visit and reminds everyone never to say no to a spot of fun. A gorgeous new picture book by Alex T. Smith that reminds us to giggle.

POOTHE 600	Poo in the Zoo	Steve Smallman & Ada Gray	Zoo Keeper Bob is exhausted. There's too much poo in the zoo - and he's the one who has to scoop it up. Then one day, a mysterious glowing poo appears! Could it be alien poop from outer space? And what on EARTH will Bob do with it?
My (lulii Is a	My Mum is a Supermum	Angela McAllister & Alex T Smith	Watch out! Mums have superpowers! Milo's mum always knows what he's up to. She knows when he's using her saucepans to brew up magic spells. She knows when he's bouncing on his bed. She even knows when he's wrestling with giant sea monsters in the bath! But how does she do it? There can only be one answer: she must have X-RAY VISION! So one day Milo decides to put Mum's powers to the test.
LITTLE RED VERY HUNGEN LION	Little Red and the Very Hungry Lion	Alex T Smith	Little Red sets off to visit her auntie who is poorly. A Very Hungry Lion aproaches Little Red, wanting to gobble her up. But despite all the cunning plans by Lion, Little Red outsmarts him and soon has him saying sorry and eating doughnuts instead. A classic fairy tale with a twist by the bestselling Alex T. Smith.
Pirate Ship	On a Pirate Ship	Sarah Courtald & Benji Davies	A jolly picture book following a crew of not-so-scary pirates across the high seas. Children will love following the story as the swashbuckling pirates sail through a swirling storm, sing sea shanties and tally up their twinkling treasure!
Wild, Violet, See Source State	Wild Violet	Alex Latimer & Patrick Latimer	Violet is wild. Her Gran takes her to the zoo for a relaxing trip but, after a mix-up, Violet spends the night with the monkeys and a monkey goes back with Gran. Worse still, Gran and Violet's parents don't even notice! Will there be chaos or will a lesson be learnt?

Treasure Trail	Treasure Trail Books which follow in the series: The Lost Kittens The Stolen Egg Footprints in the Snow	Karen Wallace & Jackie Harland	The animals on the farm have all got a present, but who is it from? Detective Dog finds a trail of treasure and sets off to follow it
A Royal Robber	A Royal Robber Books which follow in the series: Mirror Mirror Dragon Hunt	Karen Wallace & Cathy Brett	A royal robber wants to steal Princess PJ's money but she persuades him otherwise!
SAVE THE LIBRARY! No the day of the face.	Save the Library Books which follow in the series: Prince and the Pea/ Dragon Knight Parrots of the Caribbean/ Magic Marcus Thin Ice/ Prince Rama & the Demon King (search 'Reading Champion' for more)	Katie Dale & Nigel Baines	Jen is distraught when she finds her local library is going to close! She can't let that happen, so she sets about rallying friends to stop the closure and save the library.
Coldinates Three Basis Three Basis Three Basis	Goldilocks and the three bears Books in the same series: Chicken Licken/ The Hare and the Tortoise The Little Red Hen/ Little Red Riding Hood The Gingerbread Man/The Boy Who Cried Wolf (search 'Usborne First Reading' for more)	Susanna Davidson & Mike Gordon	Naughty Goldilocks sneaks into the bears' house eats all their porridge, breaks their furniture and sleeps in their beds. She is in for a surprise when the bears return home Simple, flowing text helps beginner readers develop their reading stamina.
Bears/	Beware of Bears Books which follow in the series: Little Nut's Big Journey Little Nut's Lucky Escape Brother Trouble	Vivian French & Cate James	Vivian French introduces us to a world of stone age chaos as we follow the adventures of Pod, Pim and Little Nut.Join this quirky Stone Age family on a night fishing adventure. Tall Cousin and Pod have gone off to fish. Little Nut follows, so Pod joins in too. There's trouble when a hungry bear appears!

DANGER A	Dug in Danger Books which follow in the series: Midsummer Mayhem Metal Man Hounds of Horror	Shoo Rayner	Follow Dug and family as he races against a raging river to save his pet wolf, Woof and his family's tent! You can top up your Bronze Age facts at the back of the book too!Race Ahead with Reading is a perfect introduction to reading chapters. There is a sense of achievement at completing each chapter and the series encourages children to really take the driving seat with their reading.
The Monster Story-Teller	The Monster Story-teller	Jacqueline Wilson & Nick Sharratt	'Monster Planet, here we come!' One morning at school, Natalie is feeling bored - until a tiny monster waves at her from a plant on the classroom window sill. The monster whizzes her off in his mini flying saurcer for some Monster Fun.
Jeremy Strong Freto School Just a bit of wind	Just a Bit of Wind Books which follow in the series: The Birthday Bash Where's that Dog? The Bun Gun A Very Fishy Battle	Jeremy Strong & Ian Cunliffe	Ziggy, Smudge, Carkella and Flo are starting pirate school and they have lots of new things to deal with. Their headteacher is the scary Patagonia Clasterbotton and the lessons include walking the plank and hand-to-hand fighting. The story is aimed at developing readers.
Toes () Rescue	The Super Sloth Books which follow in the series: The Wild Wolf Pup The Curious Kangaroo The Little Llama	Amelia Cobb & Sophy Williams	Zoe loves living at her uncle's rescue zoo because there's always something exciting going on. She can actually TALK to the animals! Zoe is super-excited to welcome a new animal to the zoo - a sleepy sloth called Sabina. But the little sloth is behaving very strangely and it's up to Zoe to find out what's going on!
piglet - Called Truffle	A Piglet Called Truffle Books which follow in the series: A Goat Called Willow/ A Sheepdog Called Sky A Lamb Called Lucky/ An Otter Called Pebble A Duckling Called Button/ A Kitten Called Holly	Helen Peters & Ellie Snowdon	Jasmine's dad is a farmer, and her mum is a large-animal vet, so Jasmine spends a lot of time caring for animals and keeping them out of trouble. Unfortunately, this often means she gets into hot water herselfIn the first in the series, A Piglet Called Truffle, Jasmine rescues a tiny little piglet from certain death. But Jasmine's parents don't believe in farm animals being pets and insist that Truffle must be sold as soon as she's big enough. Jasmine is desperate to give Truffle a home for life. And then, one stormy night, disaster strikesBrilliant story-telling that will make you laugh and cry.

Noughby Little Puppy In the standard of the st	New Tricks for Rascal Books which follow in the series: A Home for Rascal/ Playtime for Rascal/ Rascal's Sleepover Fun/ Rascal's Seaside Adventure	Holly Webb & Kate Pankhurst	When Ellie names her puppy Rascal, she doesn't realize how right she is. Rascal's naughtiness is annoying everyone, so Mum and Dad decide it's time to take him to dogtraining classes. Ellie thinks this is a brilliant plan. But wherever Rascal the puppy goes, trouble is never far behind
The Dragonsitter Josh Lacey Mathematical from Faunt	The Dragonsitter	Josh Lacey	Edward, Emily and their mum were going to look after Uncle Morton's unusual pet for a week while he went on holiday. But soon their fridge is empty, their curtains are blazing, and the postman is fleeing down the garden path.
Dirty Bertie FLEAS,	Dirty Bertie: Fleas Books by the same author: Mud/Yuck/Pong/Germs/Kiss	Alan McDonald & David Roberts	Three wickedly funny stories featuring a flea-ridden Whiffer the dog, a naughty dare at school and a shiny red fire engine.
This is will differ here were a me and the second of the s	Angela Nicely Books which follow in the series: Puppy Love/ Starstruck Queen Bee/ Cupcake Wars	Alan Mc Donald & David Roberts	Angela might look like she's made of sugar and spice and all things nice, but nothing could be further from the truth! Angela knows best! Whether it's trying to succeed as a top model, proving that her head teacher wears a wig, or finding herself out of her depth on a spa weekend, she's determined to make a splash!
CAPTAIN PUG	Captain Pug Books which follow in the series: Cowboy Pug/Safari Pug/Pirate Pug	Laura James & Elisa Paginelli	Pug is going on a seafaring adventure. He's had jam tarts for breakfast. He's wearing a smart sailor suit. There's just one problem. Pug is afraid of the water! An irresistible tale that is sure to delight younger readers featuring the most brilliant, courageous and wonderful dog Pug who has a penchant for finding himself in the most peculiar of places. Églantine's illustrations are bright, bold and full of humour and energy providing the perfect accompaniment to Laura's endearing tale.
FABIO FINANCE PROPERTY IN WORLD GREEN TO A PR	Flamingo Detective Books that follow in the series: Murder on the Ostrich Express Peril at Lizard Lake	Laura James & Emily Fox	In a small town on Lake Laloozee lives the world's greatest flamingo detective. His name is Fabio. He's not tall or strong, but slight and pink. And he's very, very clever. When Fabio and his giraffe associate Gilbert (terrible at disguises) drop in to the Hotel Royale for a lemonade (pink, naturally), Fabio is persuaded to judge the hotel's talent contest. But when the most promising contestant - Julia the jazz-singing hippopotamus - goes missing, Fabio must put his thinking cap back on and solve the mystery!

MR DOG WE RABBIT HABIT BEN FOGLE	Mr Dog and the Rabbit Habit Books which follow in the series: Mr Dog and the Seal Deal Mr Dog and a Hedge called Hog Mr Dog and the Far-away Fox	Ben Fogle & Steve Cole	You can always count on Mr Dog to help an animal in trouble When a mother rabbit is captured in a trap, he ends up playing <i>bunny</i> sitter But someone wants rid of All the rabbits, not just this one, and time is running out for Mr Dog to save them
Solute a front of the state of	Pugly Solves A Crime Books which follow in the series: Pugly Bakes a Cake Pugly on Ice	Pamela Butchart & Gemma Correll	When Pugly hears that Big Sal the guinea pig has been GUINEA PIG-NAPPED he knows it's time for him to become a PUG-TECTIVE! Is GLITTERPUFF the fancy poodle, or TINY the dramatic chihuahua behind the crime? Maybe it's Big Sal HIMSELF! Time for Pugly to put on his special DETECTIVE HAT and join forces with Clem the cat to find clues, interview suspects, and have a stake-out with real STEAK. Watch out criminals, Pugly is on the case!
Circific AND THE PELLY AND ME	The Giraffe, the Pelly and Me Books by the same author: The Magic Finger/ Esio Trot Fantastic Mr Fox /George's Marvellous Medicine	Roald Dahl & Quentin Blake	Billy's biggest wish is to turn a weird old wooden house into a wonderful sweet-shop. But then he finds a giraffe, a pelly and a monkey living inside - they're the Ladderless Window-Cleaning Company! Who needs ladders when you've got a giraffe? They become best friends and when they meet the richest man in all of England, there's a chance that Billy's scrumptious-galumptious dream just might come true
Betsey Biggalow Malorie Blackman	Betsey Biggalow Books which follow in the series: Betsey Biggalow is Here Betsey's Birthday Surprise Magic Betsey Hurricane Betsey	Malorie Blackman & Jamie Smith	Betsey's teddy bear has disappeared without a trace! Join Betsey the Detective as she enlists the help of Prince, the detective dog, to solve the mystery! This book is one of five short story collections featuring Betsey Biggalow from Children's Laureate, Malorie Blackman. Beautifully illustrated by Jamie Smith.
TROUBLE - NEXT - DOOR -	Trouble Next Door Books which follow in the series: Trouble at School Trouble on the Farm	Chris Higgins & Emily McKenzie	Bella has just moved into a new house. It's old and dark and she's sure there's a ghost in the attic! But things look up when she meets her new next-door neighbour Magda. Magda is lots of fun! She's bubbly and full of imagination and can even turn cartwheels! Soon they are best friends. But Magda is also trouble! She breaks Bella's mum's best tea set, wrecks Bella's room and covers the whole living room in soot. And somehow makes sure Bella gets the blame for everything.

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BOOMS Dary Adventure	My Explosive Adventure Books which follow in the series: My Fizz-tastic Investigation	Emily Gale & Joelle Driedemy	Eliza Boom is having a blast. With her best friend (well, dog) Einstein, she's on a mission to catch a spy - and banish the class bully while she's at it. All in a day's work for Eliza Boom, assistant inventorand junior spy. With silliness and mayhem, doodles and disasters - this book is perfect for engaging younger readers.
COSMIC COLIN Stinky, Space Race	Stinky Space Race Books which follow in the series: Sneezy Alien Attack Ticking Time Bomb	Tim Collins	Colin has a strange new classmate. His name is Harry. He is suspiciously neatand he spends a lot of time in the bin at the back of the school. When curious Colin dives into the bin after Harry one day, he doesn't find banana peel and custard in there. Rows of lights flicker on, and the bin begins to hum.
Karen Karen Jelly Babies	The Curse of the Jelly Babies Books which follow in the series: The Dreaded Noodle-Doodles The Legend of the Loch Ness Lilo The Mummy that Went Moo The Great Expanding Guinea Pig	Karen McCombie	Next-door neighbours Ruby and Jackson get the surprise of their lives when they discover a Thing living at the bottom of their gardens. And when Thing places a curse on the inhabitants of the new house that's been built over his old home, Ruby and Jackson find themselves up to their eyeballs in jelly babies, magic and big trouble.