

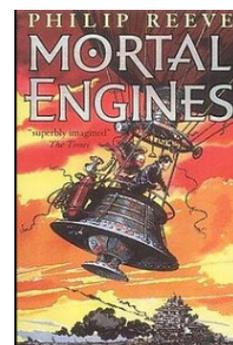


Books marked with a * are the English Department's favourite reads!
Books marked with L are available in the Library.

Fantasy

Get lost in one of the fantasy books below, and journey to a dystopian world all of your own!

- **Midget** Tim Bowler - Unable to speak, but powerful; family conflict
- **Basilisk** N. M. Browne - A story of two worlds
- **The Hunger Games** series Suzanne Collins - A terrifying and exhilarating thriller! L
- **The Dark is Rising** series Susan Cooper - A series of five books, beginning with 'Over Sea, Under Stone' - a story of a quest
- **Ingo** Helen Dunmore - Mermaids and coping with loss
- **Dark Ground** Gillian Cross - A boy is forced to survive in a dangerous world with a twist
- **Across the Nightingale Floor** Liam Hearn - The first of a trilogy - a mystery in the Orient (Grass for his Pillow & Brilliance of the Moon)
- **Tom's Midnight Garden** Philippa Pearce - A time travelling adventure
- **Northern Lights** Philip Pullman - A trilogy exploring authority and other worlds (The Subtle Knife & The Amber Spyglass) L
- **Mortal Engines** Phillip Reeve - Set in a world where moving cities trawl the globe, Tom and Hester have been thrown out of theirs. L
- **Percy Jackson series** Rick Riordan - Join the adventures of Percy Jackson and his demigod friends as they fight mythological monsters and the forces of the titan lord Kronos. L
- * **Harry Potter** J. K. Rowling - A series of books about the life of a wizard as he goes through Hogwarts School L
- **Secret Songs** Jane Stemp - A story of family secrets
- * **Lord of the Rings** J. R. R. Tolkien - A trilogy about a quest to rid the world of the power of the ring L
- * **The Dreamwalker's Child** Steve Voake - Sam Palmer is knocked off his bike and wakes in Aurobon, a parallel world where insects are used as war machines.
- **Mirror Dreams** Catherine Webb - A magical adventure with wizards...



- **Miss.Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children** Ransom Riggs - A fantasy tale about photographs, creatures and hauntings. (part of a series) L

CILIP Carnegie Medal and Kate winner and shortlist 2017

The following list of books is taken from the prestigious Carnegie Medal and other shortlists. They are all new books which have been read and reviewed by other authors. The awards given are considered the UK's oldest and most prestigious children's book awards. Give one a try!

- **Wed Wabbit** by Lissa Evans
- **After the Fire** by Will Hill
- **Where the World Ends** by Geraldine McCaughrean
- **Rook**, by Anthony McGowan
- **Release** by Patrick Ness (also wrote *A Monster Calls*)L
- **Saint Death** by Marcus Sedgwick
- **The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas
- **Beyond the Bright Sea** by Lauren Wolk



Carnegie Medal Winner 2017:

- **Salt to the Sea** by Ruta Sepetys

Stories from other cultures

- **Little Soldier** Bernard Ashley - Bullying, family, racism
- * **Life in Afghanistan under the Taliban** Deborah Ellis - The first of three books - Pavana's Journey & Mud City
- **Daughter of the Wind** Suzanne Fisher-Staples Issues facing a Muslim desert girl
- **Under the Persimmon Tree** Suzanne Fisher-Staples Afghanistan under the Taliban
- **The Other Side of Truth** Beverley Naidoo - Refugees and immigration. Also read the sequel - 'Web of Lies'.
- **Zlata's Diary** Zlata Filipovic - A diary from war torn Eastern Europe
- **The Garbage King** Elizabeth Laird- Street children in South Africa L
- * **Out of Bounds** Beverley Naidoo - A collection of short stories from South African culture.



Classic reads

These novels and stories are considered to be literary classics. Some of these, such as the works of Charles Dickens, are readily available online.

- **Watership Down** Richard Adams - A small band of rabbits set out on a perilous journey to find a safe home.
- **Little Women** Louisa May Alcott - A family drama following the lives of the March sisters. **L**
- * **Great Expectations** Charles Dickens - A gripping drama which opens in an overgrown churchyard on the eerie Kent marshes. **L**
- **The Secret Garden** Frances Hodgson-Burnett - An adventure into a secret garden, showing that people can change. **L**
- * **Goodnight Mr Tom** Michelle Magorian - A long-bereaved old man grudgingly takes London evacuee into his home.
- **Five Children and It** Edith Nesbit - Five children find a cantankerous sand fairy in a gravel pit.
- * **The Railway Children** Edith Nesbit - A family move to a house near the railway, after their father is imprisoned having been falsely accused of spying.
- **Heidi** Johanna Spyri - Set in Switzerland, a story of friendship and family

