

Best Books for 6-8 year olds



We've put together a list of the 100 best books for children from the last 100 years.

The books below are ones suitable for children aged 6-8.

How many have you read?

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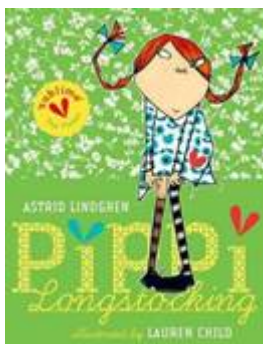
The Magic Faraway Tree

Author: Enid Blyton

Interest level: 7+

Reading age: 7+

When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, it...



Pippi Longstocking

Author: Astrid Lindgren **Translator:** Tiina Nunnally **Illustrator:** Lauren Child

Interest level: 6+

Reading age: 8+

Follow Pippi Longstocking on her amazing adventures as she moves into Villa Villekulla with a horse, a monkey, and a big suitcase ...



Dog Man

Author: Dav Pilkey

Interest level: 6-8

Reading age: 6+

Dog Man, created by *Captain Underpants*' Dav Pilkey, is a comic masterclass, perfect for the surreal sense of humour of t...



Finn Family Moomintroll

Author: Tove Jansson **Translator:** Elizabeth Portch

Interest level: 5-8

Reading age: 6+

Moomintroll is cheerful and chubby and lives in the magical Moominvalley with his mother, Moominmamma, his father, Moominpappa and...



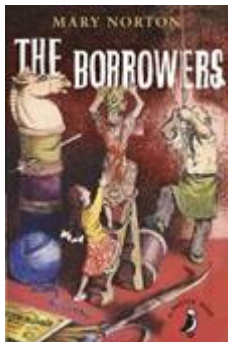
Charlotte's Web

Author: E B White **Illustrator:** Garth Williams

Interest level: 6+

Reading age: 7+

This is the tale of how a little girl named Fern - with the help of a friendly talking spider called Charlotte - saved her pig, Wi...



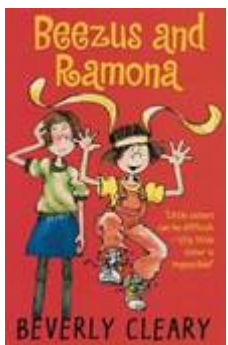
The Borrowers

Author: Mary Norton

Interest level: 9-10

Reading age: 9+

The Borrowers are tiny people who live in the secret places of old houses - behind the mantelpiece, inside the harpsichord, under ...



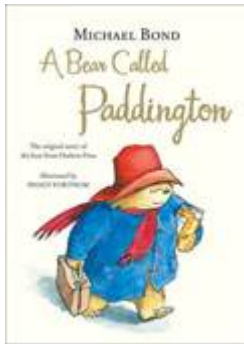
Beezus and Ramona

Author: Beverly Cleary

Interest level: 6-11

Reading age: 7+

Life with a very naughty little sister is both funny and excruciating in the six complete stories that make up this classic chapte...



A Bear Called Paddington

Author: Michael Bond **Illustrator:** Peggy Fortnum

Interest level: 6-8

Reading age: 7+

Paddington, the brown bear from darkest Peru, is found by the Brown family on Paddington Station with his hat, duffel coat and mar...



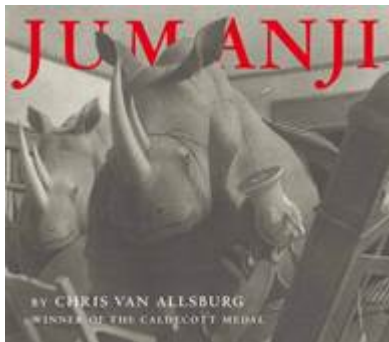
Fungus the Bogeyman

Author: Raymond Briggs

Interest level: 6-11

Reading age: 7+

This sophisticated cartoon-strip picture book for older children follows one day in the life of Fungus, a morose bogeyman who scar...



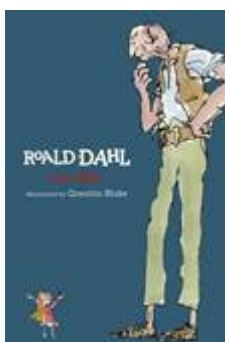
Jumanji

Author: Chris Van Allsburg

Interest level: 6+

Reading age: 7+

Judy and Peter are bored and alone - until they discover a mysterious board game, *Jumanji*, that comes to life as soon as they star...



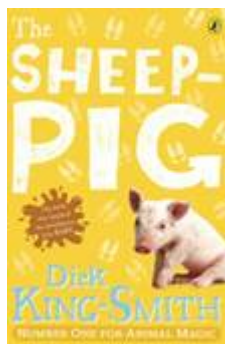
The BFG

Author: Roald Dahl **Illustrator:** Quentin Blake

Interest level: 6-10

Reading age: 7+

The BFG stands for Big Friendly Giant, who unexpectedly spirits a little girl named Sophie out of bed, and into the land of the ch...



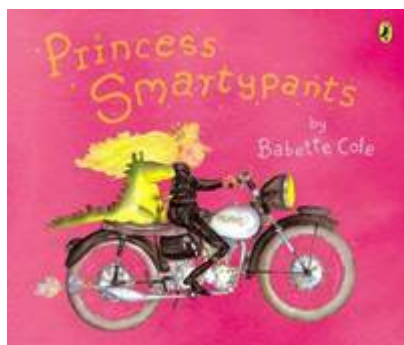
The Sheep-Pig

Author: Dick King-Smith **Illustrator:** Mike Terry

Interest level: 6+

Reading age: 7+

When Farmer Hogget wins a piglet at the fair, he is amazed that Fly, his sheep-dog, welcomes him as one of her own pups.



Princess Smartypants

Author: Babette Cole

Interest level: 6-8

Reading age: 6+

Princess Smartypants is rebellious, independent, and very happy being single - but her parents want her to get married and settle

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Funky Chickens

Author: Benjamin Zephaniah

Interest level: 9-11

Reading age: 9+

A funny, thought-provoking collection of poems for older children from Britain's best-loved rap poet, Benjamin Zephaniah, which co...



How to Train Your Dragon

Author: Cressida Cowell

Interest level: 9+

Reading age: 9+

Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an incredible sword-fighter, dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking hero who ever lived.



The Arrival

Author: Shaun Tan

Interest level: 8-9

Reading age: 8+

In this unusual book, we follow a young man as he packs his bags and leaves his family to go and start a new life in another count...



You're a Bad Man, Mr Gum!

Author: Andy Stanton **Illustrator:** David Tazzyman

Interest level:

Reading age: 6+

Mr Gum is an extremely nasty man who hates everyone and lives in a disgusting tip of a house.



This is Our House

Author: Michael Rosen **Illustrator:** Bob Graham

Interest level: 3+

Reading age: 5+

George wants his cardboard house all to himself. But when he goes to the loo, his friends fill his house ...



The Great Big Book of Families

Author: Mary Hoffman **Illustrator:** Ros Asquith

Interest level: 4+

Reading age: 7+

The Great Big Book of Families is about the diversity of families. The simple message is that every family is unique and...



Under the Moon and Over the Sea

Author: John Agard and Grace Nichols **Illustrator:** Cathie Felstead Jane Ray Christopher Corr Sara Fanelli and Satoshi Kitamura

Interest level: 6-11

Reading age: 6+

This joyful collection of more than 50 poems superbly conjures the sights, sounds and rhythms of the Caribbean.



Hilda and the Troll

Author: Luke Pearson

Interest level: 6+

Reading age: 7+

Blue-haired explorer Hilda has an uncanny ability to find weird and wonderful adventures and befriend peculiar creatures.



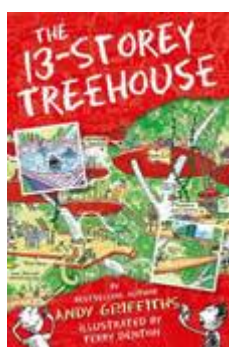
Werewolf Club Rules

Author: Joseph Coelho **Illustrator:** John O'Leary

Interest level: 7-12

Reading age: 8

Coelho follows in a noble tradition headed by Agard, Ahlberg, McGough and Rosen, who turn everyday life into memorable poetic mini...



The 13-Storey Treehouse

Author: Andy Griffiths **Illustrator:** Terry Denton

Interest level: 6-8

Reading age: 8+

Griffiths and Denton create a triumph to engage even the most determined hater of books, which includes hilarious cartoon drawings...



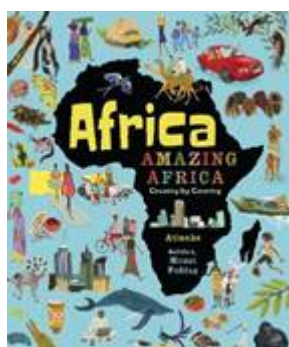
The Journey

Author: Francesca Sanna

Interest level: 7-9

Reading age: 7+

What is it like to leave everything behind and travel somewhere strange? This incredibly poignant story introduces the concept of ...



Africa, Amazing Africa: Country by Country

Author: Atinuke **Illustrator:** Mouni Feddag

Interest level: 6-11

Reading age: 7+

A perfect book for young children interested in their cultural heritage or for those with a passion for travel and geography, this...