

24 TREASURE HUNTERS*James Patterson*

The Kidd siblings have grown up diving down to shipwrecks and travelling the world - but after their parents disappear on the job, they're suddenly thrust into the biggest treasure hunt of their lives. Action packed adventure from a writer who really understands what keeps kids reading.

25 A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS: THE BAD BEGINNING*Lemony Snicket*

Number one in a series about three unlucky orphan siblings - full of very dark humour. The children are intelligent, charming and resourceful but have unrelenting bad luck. It's hilarious, irreverent, and touches all the right notes for spirited readers.

Classics**26 THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS***Kenneth Grahame*

Toad, Mole, Rat and Badger have many adventures together - pursuing adventure in gypsy caravans, stolen sportscars, and prison, but always returning to their beloved Wildwood. Although all animals, they have endearing human qualities of eccentricity, folly and friendship and have endured in childrens' imaginations for almost 100 years.

27 WATERSHIP DOWN*Richard Adams*

Featuring a small group of rabbits, who take on many human qualities and bravely leave behind the safety and security of their warren, to hop tentatively out into a vast and strange world. There are perils and temptations along the way as they look for a new home.

28 BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA*Katherine Paterson*

Jesse Aarons becomes friends with his new neighbour Leslie Burke. She transforms his life, and on an island across a creek invents the secret country of Terabithia, where he can escape his troublesome family. They build their own kingdom there - until tragedy strikes and they're tested more than ever before. This book won the prestigious Newbery Medal.

29 BLACK BEAUTY*Anna Sewell*

Black Beauty is a handsome, sweet-tempered colt with a strong spirit. But when his owners are forced to sell him, he goes from a life of comfort and kindness to one of hard labour and cruelty. Luckily he has an unbreakable spirit and will, and a determination to survive - and eventually finds a loving home. This book has been loved by generations of readers.

30 LITTLE WOMEN*Louisa May Alcott*

This follows the lives of the four March sisters - Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy - detailing their passage from childhood to

womanhood. It was loosely based on the author and her three sisters and has endured for generations.

31 TREASURE ISLAND*Robert Louis Stevenson*

Traditionally considered a coming of age story, this is narrated by the teenage Jim Hawkins, who outwits a gang of murderous pirates led by Long John Silver. It has great atmosphere, characters and action, and much of it has become synonymous with descriptions of pirates, treasure maps, tropical islands, and sailors with parrots on their shoulders.



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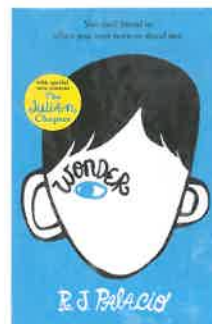
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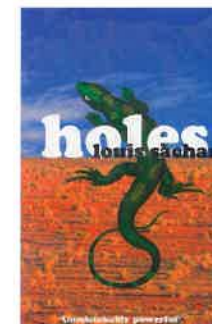
A Great Leap Forward

By the time they reach the age of ten most children are confident readers. Many are able to tackle quite complex books and have a relatively sophisticated vocabulary. However it is important to remember that, although they may be great readers, they are still children, with a child's view of the world. There are many books to choose from at this age that will provide a challenging reading experience - without throwing children headlong into the concerns of an adult or teenage world.

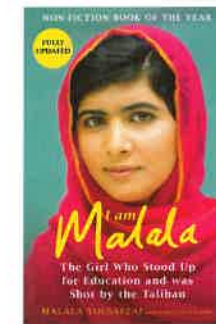
This Whitcoulls Reading Guide will help you choose the age appropriate book for Young Readers, to ensure enjoyable and educational reading time!

**1 WONDER***R J Palacio*

August is ten years old and about to start school for the first time even though he is very smart. But how will the other kids react when they see how different he looks from them? This book is a favourite of many of our staff.

**2 LOUIS SACHAR***Holes*

This wonderful, wonderful book should be read by everyone. At Camp Green Lake, Stanley Yelnats must dig a hole a day. But why? This has become something of a modern classic.

**3 I AM MALALA***Malala Yousafzai & Christina Lamb*

At a very young age, Malala Yousafzai has become a worldwide symbol of courage and hope, with her campaign for education for all gaining worldwide recognition. This is inspirational.



4 JAQUELINE WILSON

Opal Plumstead and Hetty Feather are memorable characters to whom many readers – especially girls, can relate. Opal is a wonderfully outspoken, fiery and unforgettable heroine; schoolgirl, sweet factory worker and suffragette – while Hetty is a Foundling Hospital girl who is desperate to be reunited with the mother who abandoned her when she was a baby. Jackie Wilson's many books often blend history with realistic storylines, and are captivating.

5 HATCHET

Gary Paulsen

Thirteen year old Brian Robeson is on his way to visit his father when the single-engine plane in which he is flying crashes. He's alone in the Canadian wilderness with nothing but a jacket and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present, and it will take all his courage and determination to survive. This is wonderful.

6 THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET

Brian Selznick

A truly beautiful and spellbinding mystery, about 12 year old Hugo who's an orphan living in a Paris train station where his

survival depends on secrets and anonymity. But when his world suddenly interlocks with an eccentric girl and her grandfather, Hugo's undercover life, and his most precious secret, are put in jeopardy.

7 NORTHERN LIGHTS

Philip Pullman

The first in a trilogy collectively called *His Dark Materials* - these are fantasy novels which follow the coming of age of two children as they wander through a series of parallel universes. The subsequent books are *The Subtle Knife* and *The Amber Spyglass*.

New Zealand Books

8 DUNGER

Joy Cowley

Two city kids are sent to visit their ex hippie grandparents in the country - but there's no cellphone reception or electricity! A charming story about the expectations of modern childrens' lives set against an earlier time.

9 ALEX

Tessa Duder

Alex is a champion swimmer, who is swimming to qualify to represent New Zealand in the Olympic Games. In the past year she has fallen in love, and also known what it is to lose - in swimming and in life. Alex faces intense competition and will have to swim the race of her life to achieve her dream, in this moving and inspirational story.

10 PONY CLUB SECRETS #01: MYSTIC AND THE MIDNIGHT RIDE

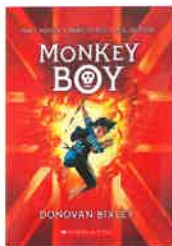
Stacy Gregg

The 13 books in this series blend authentic horse and pony detail with a mixture of fantasy and adventure - written by an author who rode horses during her time growing up in New Zealand.

11 MONKEY BOY

Donovan Bixley

Jimmy Grimholt is the youngest sailor aboard warship H.M.S. Fury - and as such he's given the job of being "monkey boy". His role is to carry the gunpowder back and forth from the barrels to the cannons during battle. Life all around him is hard, but complicated by the ghosts that only he can see. Full of action, and heartstopping adventure.



12 THE TRAVELLING RESTAURANT

Barbara Else

Children who enjoy fantasy will love this intriguing story about a brave young boy and a wicked tyrant. When Jasper's parents are forced to flee the city of Fontania, he gets left behind. Luckily he finds refuge on The Travelling Restaurant, a sailing ship captained by Dr Rocket but Jasper's adventures are only just beginning.

13 JOHNNY DANGER D.I.Y. SPY

Peter Millett

Johnny Danger pretends to be a spy - but when MI6 ask him to help them save the world, he must stay one step ahead of both the goodies and the baddies.

Popular Series

14 PERCY JACKSON AND THE LIGHTNING THIEF

Rick Riordan

The first in a series of five books which chart the adventures of 12 year old Percy Jackson as he discovers he is a demigod, the son of Sally Jackson and the Greek god Poseidon. Kids have responded enthusiastically to the combination of adventure and classical references in these books.

15 RUBY REDFORT LOOK INTO MY EYES

Lauren Child

Ruby is a genius code-cracker, a daring detective, and a gadget-laden special agent who just happens to be a thirteen year old girl. She and her slick side-kick butler, Hitch, foil crimes and get into loads of scrapes with evil villains, but they're always ice-cool in a crisis. There are four books in the series.

16 HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE

J. K. Rowling

This is where it all started - the first book in what became a phenomenon of modern times, and it's every bit as good for the

next generation of readers. Every child (and their parents) should read this series.

17 GOLD OF THE GODS

Bear Grylls

Bear Grylls, action man supreme, and a real survival specialist, has written an exciting adventure series which many kids relate to - it's both aspirational, and a great way to get kids reading.

18 RANGER'S APPRENTICE #01: THE RUINS OF GORLAN

John Flanagan

These books were originally stories which the author wrote to get his son interested in reading. They're fantasy, about an orphan named Will who becomes an apprentice Ranger, who strives to keep the Kingdom of Araluen safe from invaders, traitors, and threats.

19 STORMBREAKER

Anthony Horowitz

Young Alex Rider is recruited by the British secret service after discovering his uncle's assassination, which he had been told was a car crash. Once recruited, he embarks on a series of thrilling and death defying missions through all ten books in the series. Our young customers just love these books.

20 TIMMY FAILURE: MISTAKES WERE MADE

Stephan Pastis

Modelled after the popular *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series, Timmy Failure follows the exploits of a young hapless detective and his polar bear friend, Total, as they solve crimes in their local

neighbourhood. There are three books in the series with a further one due late 2015.

21 SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT

Derek Landy

The *Skulduggery Pleasant* series of nine books crosses horror, comedy, mystery and fantasy genres. It follows a character of the same name who with his partner and a number of allies try to save the world, and has amassed a large and devoted following.

22 MIDDLE SCHOOL: ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN

James Patterson

The adventures of Rafe Khatchadorian and his sister Georgia - who often don't see eye to eye. There are currently seven titles in the series, and growing - James Patterson is very prolific, and these books showcase perseverance and courage in many hilarious situations.

23 CHERUB #01: THE RECRUIT

Robert Muchamore

CHERUB is a division of the British Security Service which employs children - usually orphans - as intelligence officers. There are now two series of books - the original, and the *Aramov* series, with 19 titles in total. Notable because the characters age with each subsequent book, as the readers do, and later titles fall more properly into the Young Adult category.