



The Great Big Christmas Reading List.

Greta and the Giants (3 – 5+) <i>Greta Thunberg is the inspiration for this heartfelt and moving allegory.</i>	Zoe Tucker
Adventures on Earth (7 – 9+) <i>beautifully illustrated this information book is full of stories of adventure and exploration and takes readers to some of the wildest, most distant places on the planet.</i>	Simon Tyler
Shadowsea (9 – 11+) <i>Swept into the bright hustle and bustle of New York, Lily, Robert and Malkin discover shadowy secrets lie beneath its surface.</i>	Peter Bunzl
The Great Brain Robbery (7 – 9+) <i>just as good as the ‘The Train to Impossible Places’, if not even better!</i>	P.G. Bell
Tin Boy (9 – 11+) dyslexia friendly <i>A powerful and inspiring story, and one that will get children thinking about the world and their place in it.</i>	Steve Cole
Eagle Warrior (7 – 9+) <i>a story starring a character driven by her love of wild things and determination to achieve justice for them.</i>	Gill Lewis
Owen and the Soldier (7 – 9+) <i>a beautifully told, deeply moving story about how a boy finds a special way of remembering his soldier father.</i>	Lisa Thompson
Squirm (9+ - 11+) <i>Carl Hiaasen has a rare gift for telling very entertaining stories which combine great adventures which have a strong ecological message.</i>	Carl Hiaasen
The Good Thieves (9+ - 11+) <i>the streets of Prohibition New York form the backdrop to Katherine Rundell’s latest book.</i>	Katherine Rundell

<p>King Coo – The Curse of the Mummy Gold (7+ - 9+) <i>wild, funny and full of the unexpected – starring ordinary schoolboy Ben and his best friend the totally extraordinary Coo!</i></p>	Adam Stower
<p>Runaway Robot (9+ - 11+) <i>zany and surprising action, real human emotions and lots of brilliant funny!</i></p>	Frank Cottrell-Boyce
<p>Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay (7+ - 11+) <i>enduringly fascinating and inspiring – a strong narrative matched with atmospheric illustrations.</i></p>	Alexandra Stewart
<p>Home Ground (7+ - 9+) <i>a powerful story of young footballers two of whom – the most talented – are refugees.</i></p>	Alan Gibbons
<p>Alex Rider: Secret Weapon (9+ - 11+) <i>Short stories packed with tension, excitement and humour</i></p>	Anthony Horowitz
<p>Lightning Mary (9+ - 11+) <i>the inspiring story of Mary Anning who fought against all the odds to become a pioneering scientist and fossil hunter.</i></p>	Anthea Simmons
<p>Wilderness – Jungle, Rain Forest, Tundra, Taiga, Savanna and Desert (7+ - 9+) <i>An inspiring journey into sixteen very special and important landscapes.</i></p>	Mia Cassany
<p>Toad Attack! (7+ - 9+) <i>toads dropping from the sky, friendship, inter-school horticultural rivalry!</i></p>	Patrice Lawrence
<p>The Boy Who Flew (9+ - 11+) <i>an other-world thriller which oozes atmosphere.</i></p>	Fleur Hitchcock
<p>Laura Norder Sheriff of Butts Canyon (7+ - 9+) <i>an all guns blazing comic adventure with Tad Topsy the bartender and Precious Little the gold prospector.</i></p>	Guy Bass



<p>Captain Cat and the Treasure Map (5+ - 7+) <i>treasure, tropical islands, shivering timbers – everyone loves a pirate story!</i></p>	<p>Sue Mongredien</p>
<p>A subscription to The Week Junior – always a winner! A subscription to National Geographic Kids – another winner! A subscription to Aquila – definitely a winner!</p>	
<p>The Lonely Christmas Tree (3+) <i>Twas the night before Christmas but on a snowy hillside a lonely tree shivers in the cold.</i></p>	<p>Chris Naylor-Ballesteros</p>
<p>MeerKat Christmas (3+ -5+) <i>The Meerkats are back for a Christmas adventure in the Kalahari!</i></p>	<p>Emily Gravett</p>
<p>Asha and the Spirit Bird – <i>a thrilling adventure across contemporary India. This is a story that celebrates cultural diversity, the importance of family and the strength of friendship.</i></p>	<p>Jasbinder Bilan</p>
<p>Orion Lost – <i>if you like Star Wars you may love this space adventure, too.</i></p>	<p>Alistair Chisholm</p>
<p>I swapped my Brother on the Internet – <i>two lessons to be learnt from the funny story: be careful what you wish for and blood is thicker than water!</i></p>	<p>Jo Simmons</p>
<p>Nevertell – <i>a magical story of friendship, vengeance and incredible bravery set in the snowy wastes of Siberia.</i></p>	<p>Katharine Orton</p>
<p>Prisoners of Geography – <i>maps are endlessly fascinating and this book will open up the world. Tim Marshall reveals how geography has affected civilisations and how countries' histories, and the lives of their people, have been shaped by the position of mountain ranges, valleys, rivers and coastlines.</i></p>	<p>Tim Marshall</p>

