

# 100 fiction books all children should read before leaving primary school – according to teachers

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**TES and the National Association for the Teaching of English ran a survey to find teachers' top 100 fiction books all children should read before leaving primary school. Here are the results.**

- 1 *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl
- 2 *Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian
- 3 *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll
- 4 *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
- 5 *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson
- 6 *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C S Lewis
- 7 *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle
- 8 *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* by Michael Rosen
- 9 *Dogger* by Shirley Hughes
- 10 *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- 11 *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King
- 12= *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell
- 12= *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes
- 14 *Flat Stanley* by Jeff Brown
- 15 *Winnie the Pooh* by A A Milne
- 16 *Funnybones* by Allan and Janet Ahlberg
- 17= *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson
- 17= *The Hobbit* by J R R Tolkien
- 19 *Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr Seuss
- 20 *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo

- 21= *Grimm's Fairy Tales* by The Brothers Grimm
- 21= *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr
- 23 *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy
- 24 *Artemis Fowl* series by Eoin Colfer
- 25 *Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy* by Lynley Dodd
- 26 *Not Now Bernard* by David McKee
- 27 *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
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- 29 *I am David* by Anne Holm
- 30 *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes
- 31 *The Paddington* series by Michael Bond
- 32 *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman and Caroline Binch
- 33 *Esio Trot* by Roald Dahl
- 34 *Five Children and It* by E Nesbit
- 35 *Clockwork* by Phillip Pullman
- 36 *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- 37 *The Magic Far Away Tree* by Enid Blyton
- 38 *Farmer Duck* by Martin Waddell and Helen Oxenbury
- 39 *Swallows and Amazons* by Arthur Ransome
- 40 *The Silver Sword* by Ian Serraillier
- 41 *The Worst Witch* series by Jill Murphy
- 42 *The Alfie and Annie Rose* series by Shirley Hughes
- 43 *Shakespeare Stories* by Leon Garfield
- 44 *Journey to the River Sea* by Eva Ibbotson
- 45 *Six Dinner Sid* by Inga Moore
- 46 *Sad Book* by Michael Rosen
- 47 *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
- 48= *A Dark, Dark Tale* by Ruth Brown
- 48= *The Jolly Postman* by Allan Ahlberg
- 50 *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan
- 51 *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman
- 52 *Zoo* by Anthony Browne
- 53 *Treasure Island* by R L Stevenson
- 54 *Voices in the Park* by Anthony Browne
- 55 *Cinderella* by Charles Perrault, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti
- 56 *Pig Heart Boy* by Malorie Blackman
- 57 *The Railway Children* by E Nesbit
- 58 *Cloud Busting* by Malorie Blackman
- 59= *Kidnapped* by R L Stevenson
- 59= *The Sheep Pig* by Dick King-Smith
- 61= *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon
- 61= *The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Graham
- 63= *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- 63= *The Mr Men and Little Miss* series by Roger Hargreaves
- 65= *Gentle Giant* by Michael Morpurgo
- 65= *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling
- 67 *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams

- 68 *Pinocchio* by Carlo Collodi, illustrated by Roberto Innocenti
- 69 *Eagle of the Ninth* by Rosemary Sutcliff
- 70 *Theseus and the Minotaur* by David Orme and Wendy Body
- 71= The Just William series by Richmal Crompton
- 71= *On the Way Home* by Jill Murphy
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- 71= *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty
- 71= *The Happy Prince and Other Stories* by Oscar Wilde
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- 76= *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Draywalt and Oliver Jeffers
- 76= *The Snowman* by Raymond Briggs
- 79 *My Mum* by Anthony Browne
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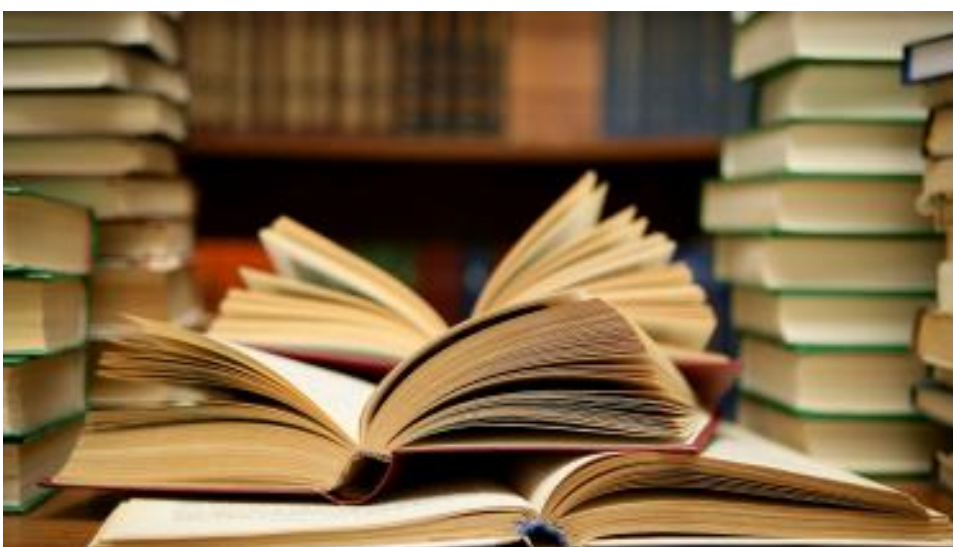
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