

Year 6 Text Recommendations

Fantasy

Skellig – David Almond
The Various – Steve Augarde
Artemis Fowl – Eoin Colfer
The Bag of Bones – Vivian French
Inkheart trilogy – Cornelia Funke
Coraline – Neil Gaiman
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen – Alan Garner
Pure Dead Magic – Debi Gliori
Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
Truckers – Terry Pratchett
The Spiderwick Chronicles – Lynne Reid Banks
Goblins series – Philip Reeve
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick
The Amulet of Samarkand – Jonathon Stroud
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making – Catherynne M. Valente
Tanglewreck – Jeanette Winterson

Science Fiction

Supernaturalist – Eoin Colfer
Grinny: Grinny and You Remember Me – Nicholas Fisk
Among the Hidden – Margaret Peterson Haddix
Double Identity – Margaret Peterson Haddix
Maphead – Lesley Howarth
The Giver – Lois Lowry
Other Worlds: 10 Amazing Sci Fi Stories – Rick Riordan ed.
Timesnatch – Robert Swindells
Hydra – Robert Swindells

Chilling Stories

The Graveyard Book – Neil Gaiman
Uncle Montague's Tales of Terror – Chris Priestley
Horowitz Horror – Anthony Horowitz
Breathe – Cliff McNish
At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry
Chill – Alex Nye
Tales from the Tunnel's Mouth – Chris Priestley
Tales of Terror From the Black Ship – Chris Priestley
Marianne Dreams – Catherine Storr

Real Life

Pig Heart Boy – Malorie Blackman (science/ethics)
Tangerine – Edward Bloor (blindness)
The Eighteenth Emergency – Betsy Byars (bullying)
The 10PM Question – Kate De Gold (worry/anxiety)
Running on Cracks – Julia Donaldson (running from home – mature themes)
Step By Wicked Step – Anne Fine (step parenting)

Dead End in Norvelt – Jack Gantos (boredom, friendship)
Love, Aubrey – Suzanne LaFleur (family)
Hangman - Julia Jarman (bullying)
The View from Saturday – E.L. Konisburg (friendship)
The Other Side of Truth – Bevery Naidoo (refugee)
Wonder – R.J. Palacio (appearance)

Adventure

Noah Barleywater Runs Away – John Boyne
Ruby Holler – Sharon Creech
Danny: the champion of the world – Roald Dahl
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane – Kate DiCamillo
Stormbreaker – Anthony Horowitz
The Devil and his Boy – Anthony Horowitz
Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler – E. L. Konigsburg
Outlaw: the Legend of Robin Hood – Tony Lee
The Ghost of Thomas Kempe – Penelope Lively
Mortal Engines – Phillip Reeves
Varjak Paw – S. F. Said
The Invention of Hugo Cabret – Brian Selznick
Wonderstruck – Brian Selznick

War

Warboy – Michael Foreman
Once/Now/Then/After – Morris Gleitzman
Goodnight, Mr Tom – Michelle Magorian
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
At the Firefly Gate – Linda Newberry
Johnny and the bomb – Terry Pratchett
My Friend the Enemy – Dan Smith
The Machine Gunners – Robert Westall
Carrie's War – Nina Bawden
Doodlebug Summer – Alison Price
Soldier Dog – Sam Angus

Mysteries

Chasing Vermeer – Blue Bailliett
The Crossroads – Chris Grabenstein
Silver Fin – Charlie Higson
The Case of the London Dragonfish – Joan Lennon
The Sign of the Black Dagger – Joan Lingard
Magnus Finn and the Selkie Secret – Janis Mackay
Out of the Depths – Cathy MacPhail
Flood and Fang – Marcus Sedgwick

Humour

How to Train Your Dragon - Cressida Cowell
How To Train Your Dragon <http://www.howtotrainyourdragonbooks.com/>
How to speak dragonese - Cressida Cowell

The Meanwhile Adventures – Roddy Doyle
Boom! – Mark Haddon
Ribblestrop – Andy Mulligan
Goblins series – Philip Reeve
Holes – Louis Sachar
There’s a Boy in the Girls’ Bathroom – Loius Sachar
A Boy and a Bear in a Boat – Dave Shelton
Gangsta Granny – David Walliams
Ratburger – David Walliams

Animals

The Midnight Fox – Betsy Byars
The Tale of Despereaux – Kate DiCamillo
Charlotte’s Web – E.B.White
Flush – Carl Hiaasen
One Boy and His Dog – Eva Ibbotson
A Coyote in the House – Elmore Leonard
The Call of the Wild – Jack London
Going Home –Cliff McNish
Why the Whales Came – Michael Morpurgo
The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips – Michael Morpurgo
War Horse – Michael Morpurgo
Catscape – Mike Nicholson
Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver
The Outlaw Varjack Paw – S.F. Said
Black Beauty – Anna Sewell

Further suggestions:

The Mysteries of Harris Burdick – Chris Van Allsburg
FARTHER – Grahame Baker-Smith
Journey – Aaron Becker
Train to Somewhere – Eve Bunting
The Princess Blankets – Carol Ann Duffy
The Gift –Carol Ann Duffy
The Wolves in the Walls – Neil Gaiman Illus. by Dave McKean
Wolves – Emily Gravett
Way home – Libby Hathorn
Beware, Beware – Susan Hill
The Red Tree – Shaun Tan
The Arrival – Shaun Tan
Tales from Outer Suburbia – Shaun Tan
Eric – Shaun Tan
Rules of Summer – Shaun Tan
The Lost Thing – Shaun Tan (book and animation)
How to Live Forever – Colin Thompson
The Tower to the Sun – Colin Thompson
Varmints –Helen Ward
Tuesday – David Wiesner
Flotsam – David Wiesner
Mr William Shakespeare’s plays – Marcia Williams