Reading List

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Aarti and the Blue Gods
(Jasbinder Bilan)

Follows the story of Aarti, a girl who lives on a remote island with her strict Aunt and a pet fox. A tale of twists, uncovering lies, and trying to find a way back.

Aesop's Fables
(Puffin Classics)

A collection of timeless classic tales, each with a moral life lesson that depicts human nature.

Just Binnie
(Dick King-Smith)

Binnie, the eldest child, is determined to keep the family together after her parents drown on the Titanic, before facing the challenges of World War 1.

Mrs Pepperpot Stories
(Alf Prøysen)

A charming and adventurous story that follows Mrs Pepperpot, a character who suddenly and uncontrollably shrinks.

Pippi Longstocking
(Astrid Lindgren)

A free-spirited girl who lives on her own, as she likes. A humorous book with wild imagination, unconventional companions, and unique adventures.

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Tales from Africa
(K.P. Kojo)

A collection of classic tales and folklore from across Africa that reveal lessons about human nature, narrated through talking animals.

Tales from India
(Bali Raj)

A collection of folkloric stories from India with magical tales of adventure and lessons about the world.

Olga da Polga
(Michael Bond)

A trilogy about a guinea-pig and her adventures with her friends. Laugh out loud funny.

The Firework-Maker's Daughter
(Philip Pullman)

This cherished book tells the story of feisty Lila as she goes on adventures with her friends on her quest to be a firework maker.

The Magician's Nephew
(C.S. Lewis)

'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' is the most famous book in the series but start with 'The Magicians Nephew' to explore the magical world of Narnia in chronological order.

101 Dalmatians
(Dodie Smith)

Two dogs' puppies go missing so the Dearly family set off to find them. They have many adventures on the way, eventually coming head to head with Cruella de Vil.

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Emil and the Detectives
(Erich Kastner)

Emil and his friends set out in pursuit of a thief. Emil needs to get the money back!

The Borrowers
(Mary Norton)

A family of tiny people live under the stairs and they borrow things from the house. One day everything changes when Arrietty makes friends with the “boy upstairs”.

War Horse, Arthur King of High Britain, Kensuke’s Kingdom, Alone on a Wide Wide Sea
(Michael Morpurgo)

Michael Morpurgo is one of the UK’s leading children’s authors. All of his books are high quality and well loved but we recommend starting with any of these four.

The Happy Prince and Other Stories
(Oscar Wilde)

A collection of fairy tales the first being about a gilded statue and a swallow who sacrifice everything to help the city’s poor. The prince, seeing suffering, sends the swallow to distribute his gold leaf and jewels to the needy.