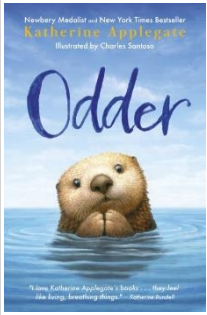


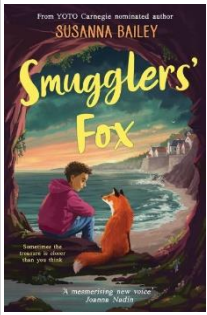

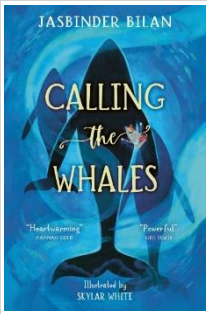
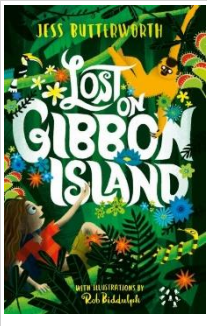

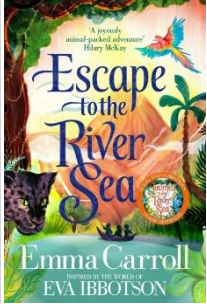


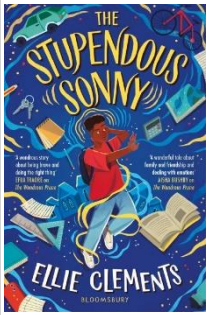



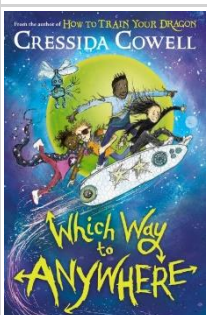
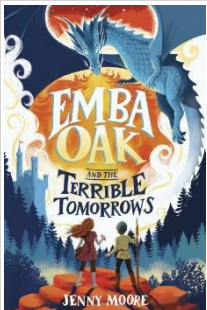
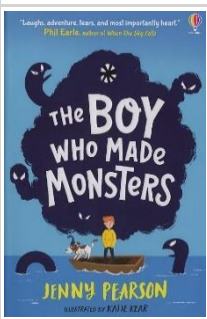

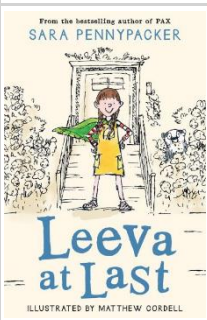
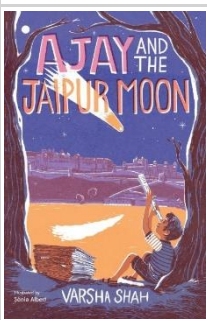

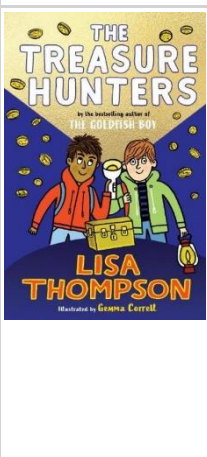


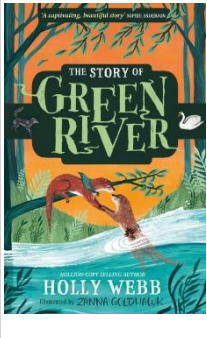
2023-24 RECOMMENDED READS YEAR 5

 <p>Harbinger Medalist and New York Times Bestseller Katherine Applegate Illustrated by Charles Santoro</p> <p>Odder</p> <p>"I love Katherine Applegate's books... they're like being something else." - Barbara Miller</p>	<p>Applegate, Katherine</p>	<p>Odder</p>	<p>Written in verse, this follows the life of Odder the sea otter who was orphaned as a pup and looked after by humans until she was old enough to go back into the wild. She's both fearless and curious but when Odder comes face-to-face with a hungry great white shark she finds herself back in the rescue centre. A touching tale of survival and beautiful descriptions of the surrounding habitats and ecosystems.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p>
 <p>"Written with magic!" - ARI ELPHINSTONE</p> <p>The MAGIC OF ENDINGS</p> <p>TOM AVERY</p>	<p>Avery, Tom</p>	<p>The Magic of Endings</p>	<p>Jojo is on holiday with his brother at their grandparents' house. Their father disappeared, presumed dead, 6 years ago but Jojo is worried that he is losing his memories of him. Not only that but Grandma is also in the early stages of dementia. An encounter with Aunt Pen, a faerie with magical properties, leads Jojo on a journey to rediscover his father and to enter into a world of myth and legend.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p> 
 <p>From YOTO Carnegie nominated author SUSANNA BAILEY</p> <p>Smugglers' Fox</p> <p>"Remember the pleasure of getting into the world." - Emma Nadin</p>	<p>Bailey, Susanna</p>	<p>Smugglers' Fox</p>	<p>It's always been Jonah's job to look after Rio but when their Mum disappears for good this time they are split up and put into long term foster care. Jonah is distraught when he is sent to live by the sea, because bad things happen by the sea but with the help of a new friend Freddie, an urban fox and a treasure map, Jonah begins to feel stronger and braver to face the future. A raw and emotional story touching on difficult themes with empathy and realism.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p> 
 <p>JASBINDER BILAN</p> <p>CALLING THE WHALES</p> <p>"Heartbreaking" - Goodreads "Powerful" - Goodreads</p> <p>Illustrated by SKYLAR WHITE</p>	<p>Bilan, Jaspinder</p>	<p>Calling the Whales</p>	<p>Tulsi and her best friend Satchen live on a small Scottish island. Investigating a strange sighting on a nearby island, they find a whale in distress. They manage to rescue it, but a sudden storm threatens to make their journey end in tragedy. A short, but exciting read with some danger but great description of the sea and how it can very quickly turn.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p>

	Butterworth, Jess	Lost on Gibbon Island	<p>A tale of survival as well as how to use one's initiative and survive alone on a deserted island. Told in diary format, this is the story of how 12-year-old Lark ends up shipwrecked with only a baby gibbon for company. Set in Cambodia this has plenty of adventure as well as good descriptions of the island and its habitat.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p> 
	Carroll, Emma	Escape to the River Sea	<p>In 1946, a young Kindertransport girl Rosa, is awaiting news from her family until the arrival of Yara, a young scientist, changes everything, setting in motion an adventure that will take Rosa into the Amazon in search of the giant sloth. But with threats to the Amazon and secrets from the past, Rosa faces a danger greater than she possibly could have imagined. The handling of sensitive themes, wonderful description and great sense of place makes this a worthy companion to Ibbotson's original.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p>  
	Clements, Ellie	The Stupendous Sonny	<p>Sonny's life seems pretty ordinary until he discovers he has his very own superpowers but his Dad has an accident and ends up in a coma before Sonny can tell him of his ability to teleport. With mum working away and his estranged aunt looking after him, Sonny confides in his best friend Elliott, sharing his telekinetic abilities. Elliott helps him to keep his secret, but when Aunt Cleo finds out she has other ideas.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p>  
	Conway, Anne-Marie	How to be more Hedgehog	<p>Lily has a stammer. To make things worse, a video has been uploaded of her practising a class presentation, and now everyone is whispering behind her back. Will Lily make the decision to run away, or find the courage to speak out and stand up to the bullies? A story of bravery and finding your voice with the hedgehog metaphor woven carefully throughout.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p>
	Cowell, Cressida	Which way to Anywhere	<p>K2 has a gift to draw worlds beyond the imagination but what he doesn't know is that these worlds actually exist. When his baby sister is kidnapped, K2 and his warring siblings must join forces and cross into an alternative world to embark of a magical rescue mission. An absquootly rollicking read with strong themes of family and kindness.</p>	<p>Children's Fiction</p>

	Earle, Phil	Until the Road Ends	<p>Peggy and her dog Beau are inseparable after Beau is saved from a near fatal encounter. When Peggy is sent to Bournemouth as an evacuee, Beau finds a purpose helping during the Blitz. But when tragedy strikes, Beau and his animal friends set off on a journey to find Peggy once more. Beautifully written, heart wrenching in places, this is a story of resilience, determination and love.</p>	Children's Fiction
	Foster, Stewart	All the Way Down	<p>Milo is struggling to come to terms with the death of his younger brother. He can still hear Luke talking to him in his head. On an underground mining trip, that voice makes Milo panic with devastating effects not just for him but two of his new friends. Will this difficult situation be the catalyst for Milo's future recovery? An interesting read looking at trauma, grief but also demonstrating how we can move forward in life.</p>	Children's Fiction
	Howe, Cath	My Life on Fire	<p>A story of loss in different guises and how it manifests itself in behaviours that seem out of character. Ren has lost her house and all her possessions; Caspar has lost his beloved brother to university and adulthood, and both are struggling. Lots to talk about in terms of how we deal with emotions and how everyone needs to talk as well as needing a friend however unlikely.</p>	Children's Fiction
	Lewis, Gill	Moonflight	<p>Unlikely heroes, action packed adventure and mesmerising treasure combine to make this an unputdownable read! This story features rat tribes and their quest to fulfil a legend's prophecy. Tilbury is the seventh-born rat of the seventh-born litter and is destined for adventure but he is happy in the attic watching the world until his interest in puzzles leads him into the heart of the legend. Strong themes of justice prevail throughout the text as well as recognising what is of real value.</p>	Children's Fiction
	Montgomery, Ross	Spellstone	<p>Evie feels invisible in her daily life so when she is recruited into the mysterious Order of the Stone by Wainwright, a mysterious wizard she meets by chance, she suddenly finds herself part of a secret society trying to save the world. Can Evie find the courage she needs, after all the greatest magic is hidden in plain sight.</p>	Children's Fiction

	Moore, Jenny	Emba Oak and the Terrible Tomorrows	<p>Emba seems perfectly normal except for the scales on her arms and legs and the dragon blood in her veins. Hatched from a dragon egg, Emba has remained hidden up until now when an evil necromancer is desperate to use her blood for a dastardly spell. When Guardian Fred disappears, Emba and Odolf find themselves on a perilous adventure to the necromancer's lair. Vicious trees, monstrous man-eating fish and a magical pool said to drive people mad are just a few of the obstacles in their way.</p>	Children's Fiction
	Pearson, Jenny	The Boy who made Monsters	<p>Benji and his brother Stanley are orphaned and have to relocate to rural Scotland to live with Uncle Hamish. This is a gentle story looking at how the boys deal with their grief and new life as well as trying to fit into the community they now inhabit.</p>	Children's Fiction 
	Pennypacker, Sara	Leeva at Last	<p>A reworking of the Matilda story that encompasses many of the elements of the original but with a whole new cast and updated language. A good read and could be used to compare Roald Dahl with this new version.</p>	Children's Fiction
	Shah, Varsha	Ajay and the Jaipur Moon	<p>Ajay and his street friends live at Mumbai railway station. An expedition to recover a piece of meteorite finds the children embroiled in dastardly deeds around India's burgeoning space industry. Very topical but a good adventure that introduces some dark issues in a very accessible manner.</p>	Children's Fiction 
	Thompson, Lisa	The Treasure Hunters	<p>Four children are sent on an Outward Bound experience, all of them rather reluctantly. But for one of them, there is more at stake than just getting to the end. This is about rescuing her Grandfather's reputation and finding the pirate treasure he claimed was hidden in the mountains. But these four are not the only ones searching for lost gold. A great adventure story with a cast who realise they have to work together. This would be a great story to read aloud.</p>	Children's Fiction

	Webb, Holly	The Story of Greenriver	The animals of Greenriver are in danger but can Sedge and Silken find their way along the river to each other in time to save their homes? Although this looks initially like a gentle animal story, it tackles issues such as belonging, adoption as well as environmental concerns around preserving river habitats. Easy to read but with plenty to talk about.	Children's Fiction
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