

Good Reads Top Five: 11+

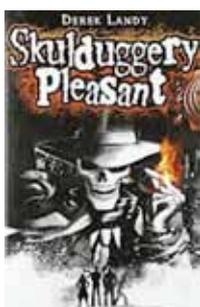
Recommended by ESCAL, Schools Library Service and DECSY



Wonder by R.J. Palacio (shortlisted for 2013 Sheffield Children's Book Award) 10-14 years

From the front cover to the closing line you are taken on a powerful life-affirming discovery about the things that really matter. It follows the story of August (Auggie) Pullman a young boy born with a genetic disorder that has altered his appearance. This invokes widespread reactions of shock, suspicion and fear. It brings out a range of behaviours from intentionally hurtful, thoughtless, cruel but in others the urge to protect and defend. Auggie has been home schooled not so much because of his disfigurement but because of all the operations and hospital stays he has had. Now however, approaching his teenage years he finds himself with the daunting prospect of dealing with school for the first time. This is a book with an undisguised message about the importance of how we treat others.

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Skullduggery Pleasant Series by Derek Landy 12+

Red House Children's Book Award winner Derek Landy's first Skullduggery Pleasant book, brilliant for attracting reluctant readers. A sharp dressed detective with a difference...he's dead! When her uncle the author dies suddenly and leaves her his house and assets Stephanie also meets the mysterious Skullduggery at the reading of the will. He is a wise cracking, detective, magician and sworn enemy of evil. Stephanie soon finds herself drawn into the world of fighting evil with Skullduggery and his accomplices. There are seven books in the series to date with another on the way. The latest title is Kingdom of the Wicked.

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White Dolphin by Gill Lewis 11+

This is the second novel by this author. A beautifully told, moving and inspirational story which also has elements of a gripping action thriller. It also highlights ecological issues, in this case the dangers of commercial dredging around British coasts and the dangers to wildlife and human habitat alike. The story is built around a strong central character, Kara. She is dyslexic and struggling at school. Her mother is missing and her father is struggling financially. Kara meets Felix, a new classmate. They take an instant dislike to each other until they discover a stranded dolphin calf. They must work together to save it against all the odds.

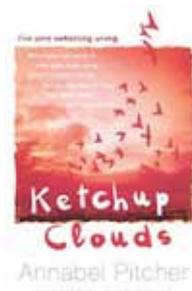
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Itch by Simon Mayo (shortlisted for 2013 Sheffield Children's Book Award) 11+

Itchingham Loft, known as Itch is fourteen and loves science. Science is his weapon. He is an accident prone hero. He has a tendency to blow things up, hence the missing eyebrows!! He has decided to collect all the elements in the periodic table. This leads to some interesting but rather destructive results. The debut novel from Radio 2 Drivetime DJ. Mayo has written a brilliant, fun novel that is both inspiring and refreshing. The storyline is fast paced and full of action packed adventure. It has been included on the Book Trust Y6 competition booklist.

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Ketchup Clouds by Annabel Pitcher (shortlisted for 2013 Sheffield Children's Book Award) Older teenage

Award winning author Annabel Pitcher's second novel is a taut, dramatic adventure about love, infatuation and keeping a terrible secret. It deals with some complex and difficult themes about secrets, lies and growing up. The story is told in letter form mainly by 15 year old Zoe. She is the one with the secret and the guilt is crippling her. Seeking redemption she begins to write to convicted murderer Stuart Harris. He is awaiting execution on death row. Through a series of letters she confesses her secret to him spilling out what happened regarding the love triangle that went horribly wrong.

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